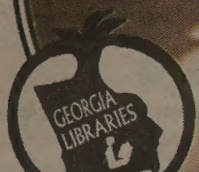




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## Lord Lyon King of Arms approves petition of James Edward Moir MacArthur as Chief of Clan Arthur

Lord Lyon King of Arms has approved the petition of James Edward Moir MacArthur and he can now be called Chief of Clan Arthur. James will now have the appended descriptor "of that ilk" appear after his name and will have a new coat of arms and banner created.

Copies of the official documentation will be published in the December issue of the Clan publication *The Round Table*.

With thanks to Bob McArthur, Clan Arthur Scrivener.



## Clan Henderson Chief appoints new High Commissioner for NA

Dr. John William Philip Henderson of Fordell, Chief of the Name and Arms of Henderson has appointed David Simmons Henderson of New Bern, North Carolina to be his High Commissioner of North America. Mr. Henderson has received this appointment to fill the Clan position which has been vacant since 1 April 2001 when Claude

A. Henderson of Manassas, Virginia, the former High Commissioner and Chieftain, died. Doctor Henderson has made the appointment effective on the date of his letter to Mr. Henderson, 21 July 2002.

David Henderson has been a member of the Clan Henderson Society of the United States and Canada since

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David S. Henderson, new High Commissioner for Clan Henderson in the United States and Canada.

## Family Tree Newsletter Contest open

Our 2003 *Family Tree* Newsletter Contest is now open to all newsletters, programs and any publication done by a non-profit group.

The contest is divided into categories according to the entries...but every effort is

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## Braveheart Scottish Weekend 2003! Register now!

Our Scottish Weekends in Moultrie are NOT events where unlimited numbers may attend. Our event is mostly indoor and our facilities are limited. We encourage you to register early for the Braveheart Scottish Weekend 2003. We

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Irene Godwin, Odum Library manager, with Maureen Maxwell Tipton and Marilyn Maxwell Malone, both from Metairie, Louisiana and Hannah Ruth Lindquist of Thomasville, Georgia. Mrs. Tipton and Mrs. Malone are presenting seventeen boxes of genealogical books and materials that were the collection of their father, Murvan M. "Scotty" Maxwell (May 16, 1910 - January 30, 2002). Mr. Maxwell was the founder of the clan Maxwell Society of the USA. Hannah Lindquist is the great granddaughter of Mr. Maxwell.



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Subscriptions outside the United States are \$15 for six issues, surface rate; \$25 First Class mail.

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# Clan Henderson Society surpasses 3,000 members!

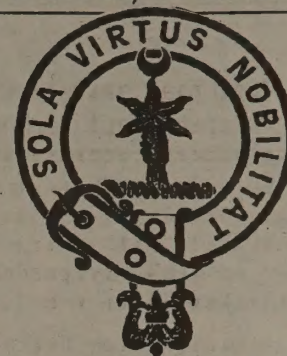
Alexandria, Virginia August 9, 2002 - Acknowledged by most Clans, Societies and Associations to be the fastest growing Clan Society in the United States and Canada, the Clan Henderson Society has recently moved past the three thousand mark in its membership rolls.

Dottie Henderson, the Society Secretary, has notified the Societies officers that Michael S. Henderson of Lexington, Kentucky who submitted his membership forms in July, pushed the Society past this landmark number. Membership in the Society has grown by over 200 during the past year which continues a trend

that began in the year 2000.

The Clan Society has maintained a low cost for membership and only recently (January 1, 2002) increased the fee to include an automatic contribution from each membership (new and renewal) to a fund established for its regional commissioners to assist in the management of their regions.

Prior to this fund being set aside, the commissioners were responsible for all event fees which included not only tent space but often entry fees as well. Some events have been as expensive as \$250 for a single tent space which makes the burden on individuals who are convening for clan society



or association somewhat prohibitive in cost.

The Henderson Society now assists in the disbursement of these costs by permitting the commissioner to budget for event costs each year, with the funds established or current membership. This approach has been well received by Clan Henderson Society commissioners and the cost to individual members is so minimal so the database continues to grow.

The Clan Henderson Society will continue to produce innovative ideas which have an affect on their total database membership and are willing to talk with other clans, societies and associations about the progress they are making in their continuing membership drive.

For more information on Clan Henderson Society of the United States and Canada, write to 7504 Range Road, Alexandria, VA 22306-2422.



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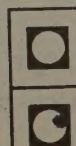
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"I am wading through "Pajama Genealogy". It is excellent and I am learning a lot from it. I also like a lot of your tips that are not genealogical. I was born before computers, and like most oldsters, I am not real hep on the technology. Your instructions are so simple and easy that anyone who can read and punch keys on a computer can follow your teaching. You are a very good teacher. I only wish you were closer to Kansas, where our genealogical society could have you for a speaker." (Leland Adams)

"I received the pajama program about a week ago and have gone through the #1 guide twice. I'm just starting to work it today and it is teaching me things I never knew how to do before, it's a great program and I just wanted to thank you for all your hard work to put it together. THANKS AGAIN." (Jim Miller)

"Hi Robert---You have done it again! My mother-in-law has had a computer for 4 years and doesn't really know how to do anything on it. I shared my Treasure Maps with her (I print out each one) and have shared the Pajama Genealogy with her. She thinks I'm a genius (thanks to you.) And she has finally started using her computer for something besides a dust catcher. She likes me to help her, which I'm glad to do thanks to your information I can show her simple things she can do on her own. She was always afraid of her computer but not now! She loves it like all of us who have computers and learn how to do new things on them. Your Pajama Genealogy is everything you said it would be and more. I would recommend it to anyone. THANKS!" (Joan James)

"Just a short note to let you know I have "digested" the recently received books in the Pajama Genealogy set and, boy, is it worth every dime I paid for it. It was so plainly written that as of right now, I don't have a single question to ask you. So again thanks for a lot of good ol genealogical info well worth the cost." (George W. Galer)

"Robert--received and read your "Pajama Genealogy," and, as anticipated, it helped a lot. I have purchased and read all of your productions, I believe. At least, I have all that you advertise. Your materials have been easily the very best sources I have found. Thank you for all the excellent products you offer. You are the only author I know who writes at a level I can absorb. Thanks." (George A. Jeffs)

"Am a new member to your system which came just in time as I was about to "throw in the towel" on trying to do genealogy in this new computer age. Was about to leave it to the next generation but since receiving your Pajama Genealogy System has given me a "new lease on genealogy". In your February newsletter the woman stating that at 70 she THINKS she can handle it - at 82 I KNOW that I can. Thank you so much!!" (Nan Earl)

"I want to thank you for the wonderful and useful tool the Pajama Genealogy System has been for me. I had never had any training on how to use a computer nor how to do genealogy before I received your system. I was so surprised that you can teach old dogs new tricks if you take the time to use plain English or as the sayings go "put the oats down where even the old goats can reach them or the cookies on the bottom shelf where the younger ones can get them." I fit both descriptions of being an old goat in reference to age but a youngster when it is a matter of knowledge of the computer and genealogy. Your method of teaching is wonderful and so easy to understand for those of us who are just now getting into cyberspace. I have been in classes where I was lost after the Amen was said. The teacher tried to impress us with his/her knowledge of big million dollar words. I felt as if I was in the twilight zone with an alien that spoke a language unknown to me. He was trying to impress us with his knowledge but only left me thinking what a lousy teacher he was... I appreciate your plain talk it shows me what a wonderful, caring teacher you are. Thanks for all the time you spent in helping others like me who can understand the way you teach from your heart. You are a very special person and I cannot thank you enough." (Sandra Sharp)

"I received my Pajama Genealogy packet and have been sure that Christmas has arrived early for me! Your books are wonderful! I'm having a ball learning more about genealogy searches (and my computer!) than I ever dreamed could be possible. Thank you so much for sharing the wealth of your knowledge and experience through these books. I am most grateful." (Yvonne Mooney)

\* Beth wears her "Buchanan" P.J.s when she uses the PAJAMA system.



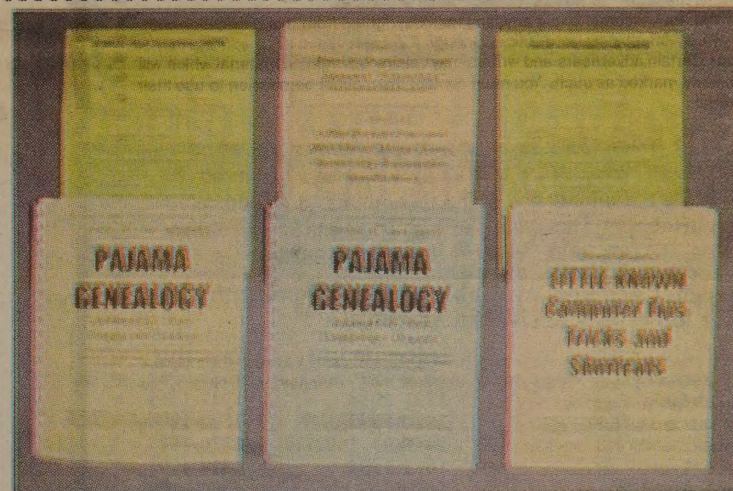
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Saturday October 19, 2002 the  
Naples Family History Center  
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Workshop from 1-7:00 PM.  
One of the workshops that will  
be going on are "How to Start  
My Research," which is a hands  
on class so bring your family in-  
formation.

For additional information  
contact: Naples Family History  
Center, 239-348-2229 or write  
to 4935 23rd Court S.W.,  
Naples, FL 34116.

### The Clark County Genealogical Society plans seminar for October 19

On October 19, 2002 the  
Clark County Genealogical So-  
ciety will present a Family His-  
tory (Genealogical) Seminar fea-  
turing Kory L. Meyerink. Some  
of the topics to be covered are  
Researched close to home: Get  
what you want without a big  
travel budget, Midwest - The  
heart land of America (8 Mid-  
western states), and Getting there  
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<[http://www.rootsweb.com/  
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Fall Seminar, Clark County  
Nevada Genealogical Society,  
PO Box 1929, Las Vegas, NV  
89125-1929.

### The Florida State Genealogical Society, Inc. sets 26th annual conference for St. Pete

On November 15-16, 2002  
in St. Petersburg, Florida the  
Florida State Genealogical So-  
ciety, Inc. is having its 26th an-  
nual conference. It will be held  
at the Hilton St. Petersburg  
Hotel at 333 First Street South.

The featured guest speaker  
will be Linda Woodward Geiger.  
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web site at: <[http://  
www.rootsweb.com/~flsgs/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~flsgs/)>.

### The Minnesota Historical Society presents death certificates on-line

the Minnesota Historical  
Society has posted an in-line  
index to death certificates for  
the years 1908-46. The index  
provides the name of the de-  
ceased, certificate number,  
date of death, and county of  
death. There are also fields  
available for date of birth,  
place of birth, and mother's  
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have selected. The customized  
order form can be sent, with a  
check for the requested  
amount (\$8 per certificate), to  
the historical society. Go to  
<<http://people.mnhs.org/dci/>>.

Thanks to *The Live Oak*,  
East Bay Genealogical Soci-  
ety, PO Box 20417, Oakland,  
CA 94620-0417.

### The Hayes Presidential Center, and Network On-line of Fremont offer a advanced search engine

In Ohio, the Hayes Presi-  
dential Center and Network  
On-line of Fremont have  
partnered to offer an advanced  
search engine to the center's  
on-line obituary index.

The genealogical resource  
is an index to published obitu-

ary notices for more than  
215,00 individuals with con-  
nections to Sandusky, Erie and  
Seneca counties.

You can find this site at <[http://  
www.rbhayes.org/index](http://www.rbhayes.org/index)>.

### RAOGK or Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness

RAOGK is a grassroots  
movement that consists of vol-  
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per month they will do local  
legwork (such as take a photo  
of a tombstone at a specified  
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from the local county court-  
house) for one person who re-  
quests a reimbursing the  
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such as videotape, photo-  
copies, or postage.

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who received the benefit of a  
favor in turn volunteer to per-  
form a similar act of genealogi-  
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Random acts of genealogi-  
cal kindness was started by re-  
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<<http://www.raogk.org>>.

Thanks to *Heritage*, PO  
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### The Walworth County Genealogical Society will host a Genealogy fair in October

On October 19, 2002 in  
Elkhorn, Wisconsin the  
Walworth County (WI) Genea-  
logical Society will host a Fam-  
ily History Month Genealogi-  
cal Fair.

For more information con-  
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New England	1600's	1600's

Information given on lists generally includes ship's name, arrival date, passengers' names, age, sex, occupation, nationality, and sometimes literacy, destination, class of travel (first class, steerage, etc.), embarkation port, and on 1880's lists, sometimes place of birth!

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**Search fees:** Index search: \$15.00 (one passenger / one port) or 3 ports for \$35.00. Passenger List search: \$12.00 (one list).

### IMPORTANT:

Index search AND List search BOTH needed unless you already know name of ship and EXACT arrival date, port, AND page #. (If not found in index, List search fee will be refunded.) If port is unknown, I suggest a 3 port search beginning with the (larger) ports at the top of the list. Indexes are generally every name (not just head of household).

If found on list, photocopies of pages from list showing passenger's entry and ship's name will be provided along with cost quote for copy of entire list and for history of ship and shipping line, often including a picture of the ship!

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Go to <http://199.8.200.90:591/ibiooverview.html> to search the index.

Thanks to *The Live Oak*, East Bay Genealogical Society, PO Box 20417, Oakland, CA 94620-0417.

#### Researching Missouri?

The Missouri State Archives includes documents relating to French and Spanish colonial rule, the New Madrid Earthquakes, Supreme Court case files, the Civil War, Frank and Jesse James, and Harry S. Truman.

A new database of WWI Service Cards has been placed on-line and is easily searchable. Check it out at <http://www.sos.state.mo.us/archives>.

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#### Are you a Lemire descendant?

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For more information contact: Association des Familles Lemire d'Amerique Incorporated, 96, Rue de l'Eglise, R.R. 1, Baie-du-Febvre, Quebec, Canada JOG 1A0. Call 450-783-6294.

#### The Tennessee Confederate Pension applications are ready for you!

The Tennessee Confeder-

ate Pension Applications for Soldiers and Widow is now on line at <http://www.state.tn.us/sos/statelib/pubsvs/pension.htm>. This index includes the soldier's name and pension number.

If the widow is filing, her name, then pension number and county. If soldier, his unit is given. The details on how to order the application from the Tennessee State Library are also included.

#### BLM site back on-line

The Bureau of Land Management site for old land records is back on-line. It was taken down by the Department of the Interior some months back. Visit it at: <http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov/>.

The Civil War Soldiers and Sailors site is back on-line as well. Visit it at <http://www.itd.nps.gov.cwss>.

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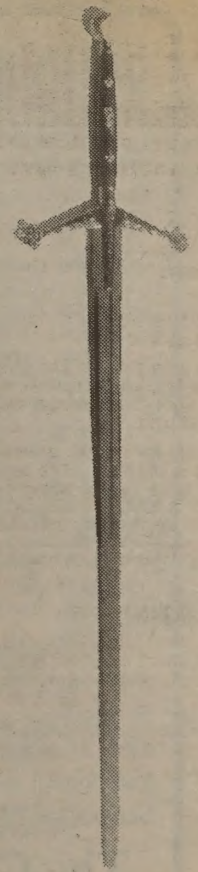
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## **The Sarasota St. Andrew Society sets Scottish affair**

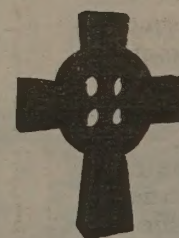
The St. Andrew Society will hold their annual Tartan Ball Dinner and Dance Friday, November 22, 2002 at 1605 Main Street in Sarasota, Florida. Cocktails begin at 6:00 PM.

The Society is based on providing social and cultural activities relating to Scottish heritage: on giving special emphasis on the Sarasota area founding by Scots; on encouraging relationships with other Scottish Societies both in the USA and in Scotland. The Tartan Ball is a scholarship fund raising event. Though the efforts of the Society's fund raising \$1,000 scholarships were awarded to high school students of Scottish decent who live in the Sarasota and Manatee Counties this year.

Activities of the Society each year include a Tartan Ball; a Robert Burns Birthday Dinner; Kirkin' O the Tartan at a local church, a membership tea; participation in the Memorial Day services at Arcadia honoring British RAF Flyers who lost their lives training in Florida during World War II; monthly luncheon meetings of the Bonnie Lassie Woman's Organization and the Braw Lads for the men.

Membership is open to any person of Scottish birth or descent or any other person who have a sincere interest in Scottish traditions and culture.

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### Armored coffins were once used in a churchyard in Scotland

In the earlier half of the nineteenth century the practise of stealing bodies from the churchyards for the purpose of sale as subjects for dissection, which was know as "body snatching," was for a time very rife.

Various plans were made to defeat the sacrilegious proceedings of the "body snatchers," or "resurrectionists," as they were sometimes called, a very common one being the erection of two or more small watch-houses whose windows commanded the whole burying ground, and in which the friends of the deceased mounted guard for a number nights after the funeral.

A usual method of grave robbers was to dig down to the head of the coffin and bore in it a large round hole by means of a specially constructed center bit. It was to counteract this maneuver that the two curious coffin-like relics now lying on either side of the door of the ruined church of Aberfoyle, in Perthshire, were constructed. They were solid masses of cast iron of enormous weight.

When an interment took place one of these massive slabs was lowered by Suitable derrick, tackles and chains on to the top of the coffin, the grave filled in, and there it was left for some considerable time. Later on the grave was opened and the iron armor plate was removed and laid aside ready for another funeral.

These contrivances still lie on the grass of the lonely little churchyard, objects of curiosity to the passing cyclist and tourist.

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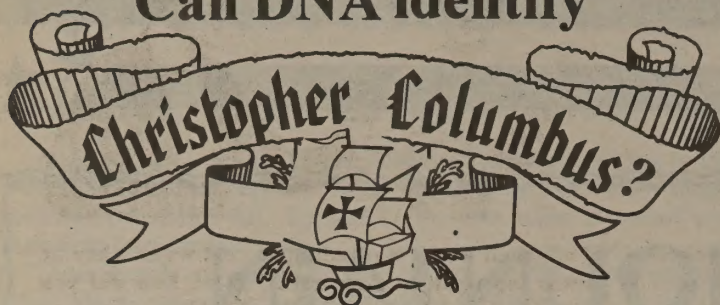
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## Can DNA identify



Spaniards hope to use DNA testing to solve the mystery over Columbus' two gravesites.

A pair of Spanish high school teachers want to harness new technology to settle an old argument: who's buried in Christopher Columbus' tomb? Make that tombs.

Authorities in Seville, Spain and Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic both claim to be watching over the remains of the explorer, known in Spanish as Cristobal Colon.

For more than 100 years, historians have debated which side is right. The only sure way to find out, says history teacher Marcial Castro, is dig up both sets of bones, glean some strands of DNA and compare them to DNA from Hernado Colon, Columbus' son through an extramarital affair.

Hernando Colon's remains are the only available, authenticated ones of a close relative of Columbus, Castro says. They're buried at the cathedral in Seville; along with the bones that Spain says are his father's.

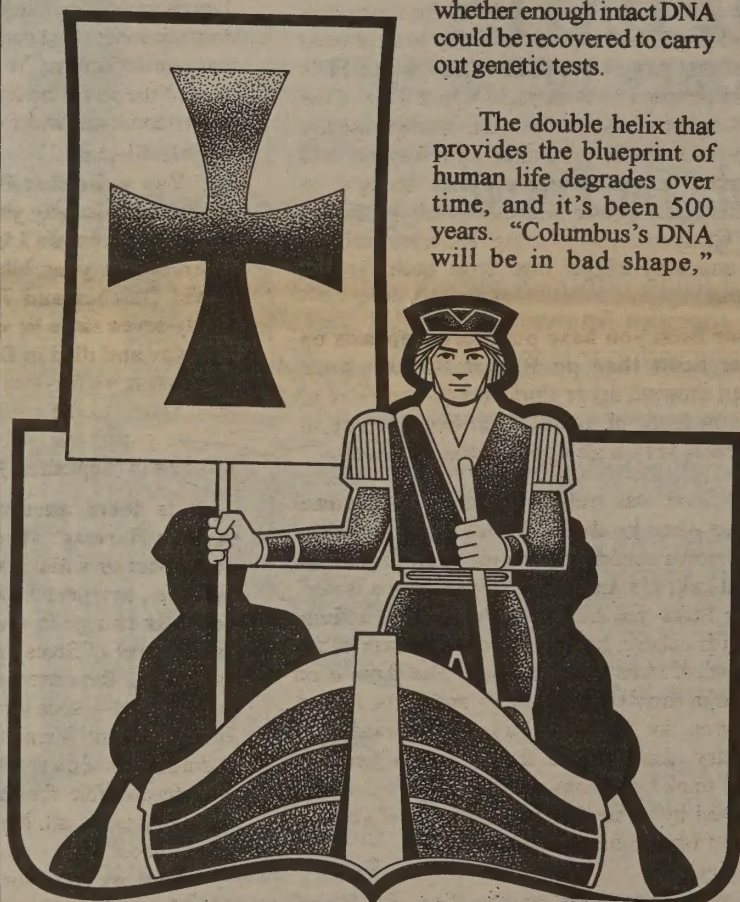
In the Dominican Republic, a huge, cross-shaped monument called the Faro a Colon, or Columbus Lighthouse, also purports to hold the remains of Christopher Columbus.

Castro, 38, teaches in a public high school in Seville province, studies genealogy on the side and has published several papers on historical figures. This is by far his grandest investigation yet.

The Andalusian regional government has acted as intermediary and formally asked church officials in Seville to open Columbus's tomb.

"My heart is jumping out of my chest," said Castro, who is working with

colleague Sergio Algarrada, a biology teacher at Ostippo High School in Estepa town. They've enlisted help from Jose Antonio Lorente, director of the Laboratory of Genetic Identification of the University of Granada, to examine DNA from the various sets of remains.



Lorente usually works on criminal cases but has also helped identify people killed under military regimes in Latin America. His lab works regularly with the FBI. But it is not clear if the Catholic church in Spain will go along, or if authorities in Santo Domingo will allow the bones in the Columbus Lighthouse to be disturbed by the probing fingers of science.

Luis Yafort, deputy director of the monument, said the final decision would

Was it a cell phone or something else?



be up to Dominican President Hipolito Mejia and church officials.

"If it really can be proven that these are Columbus' remains, or that they are not, wonderful!" Yafort said from Santo Domingo.

Another unknown is whether enough intact DNA could be recovered to carry out genetic tests.

The double helix that provides the blueprint of human life degrades over time, and it's been 500 years. "Columbus's DNA will be in bad shape,"

Lorente predicted.

Still, Castro said the Spanish academic community is also excited about his proposal, for which he has requested funding from *National Geographic*, and no one seems worried by the prospect of Spain learning it's got the wrong person buried in Seville.

Columbus died in the Spanish city of Valladolid on May 20, 1506. He had asked to be buried in the Americas, but no church of sufficient stature existed

Don't be surprised if you hear what sounds like a cell phone ringing when you are outdoors. Starlings are natural mimics.

The Romans taught them to imitate human speech, birdcalls, whinnying of horses, etc. They can even imitate the sound of chain saws and now cell phones! Reports from Denmark to Australia confirm this!

there so he was interred in a monastery in Valladolid. Three years later, his remains were moved to a Carthusian monastery on the island of La Cartuja in Seville. In 1537, Maria de Rojas y Toledo, widow of Columbus's son Diego, was allowed to send the bones of her husband and his father to the cathedral in Santo Domingo for burial. There they lay until 1795, when Spain ceded the island of Hispaniola to France and decided Columbus' remains should not fall into the hands of foreigners. So the remains that the Spaniards thought were Columbus' were dug up from behind the main altar in the newly built cathedral and shipped to a cathedral in Havana, where they remained until the Spanish-American War broke out in 1898 and Spain brought them to Seville. It did so amid controversy.

In 1877, workers digging inside the Santo Domingo cathedral unearthed a leaden box containing 13 large bone fragments and 28 small ones. It was inscribed "Illustrious and distinguished male, don Cristobal Colon."

The Dominicans said these were the real remains of Columbus and that the Spaniards must have taken the wrong body in 1795. The remains the Dominicans found are the ones kept in the lighthouse. Lorente, who has found a genetic match of 500 plus years old bones from a Spanish nobleman and his mother, is optimistic he can obtain enough DNA to solve the Columbus quest.

"It is a major challenge, but in any case it is not the first time we have done this," he said. Thanks to *Newsletter* published by the Arizona Genealogical Advisory Board, Inc.,

## In the Days of Auld Lang Syne

This is an excerpt from a letter written to Martin and Monroe McKiel by Herd Frazer of Los Angeles, California.

"When Lincoln and Douglas had their celebrated discussion on the question of slavery at Freeport in 1858 my father and mother as well as myself attended that meeting and heard their speeches. When it was over and there was an outdoor reception held for the great speakers and my father and mother met Lincoln and I was introduced to Lincoln by my mother as her youngest son in her family of eight children.

Lincoln placed his hand on my head and said, in that kindly way of his, that is was his hope and wish that in the years of the future when I had reached into the years of manhood I would become a good and useful citizen of the great commonwealth of Illinois.

Seven years afterwards Martin McKiel and myself were standing on the hill above the ruins of the old log cabin where I was born, each with a string of fish we had caught in the creek below, when my brother, Tom, came dashing up the hill riding "Philip" his saddle horse and shouting at the top of his voice, "Lincoln is assassinated." He had been to Mt. Carroll and was the first to bring the news to Oakville."

Thanks to the *Daily Mirror Democrat*, November 4, 1929 via *The Carroll County Genealogical Society Newsletter*, PO Box 354, Savanna, IL 61074.

## The Ladson Genealogy Library is moving

With funds appropriated by the state and the approval of the Board of Regents, the Ladson Genealogy will be moving its collection from the current site to the former Belk's store on Church St., Virdalia, Georgia.

The new site will undergo renovations before the move.

The Ladson Genealogy Library was formed in the 1970s from a collection of books donated by the late John E. "Jack" Ladson, Jr. Visit them on the www at < <http://www.toombs.public.lib.ga.us/ladson.htm> >

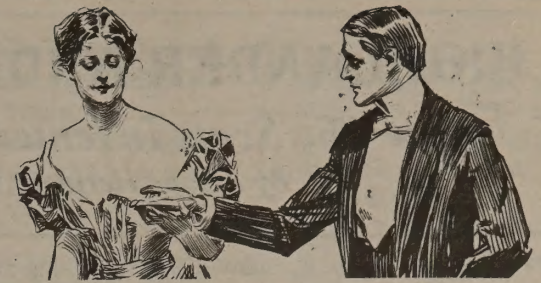


# A HIGHLANDER AND HIS BOOKS

## A CHAT WITH ARTHUR HERMAN

Author of *How the Scots Invented the Modern World*

Frank R. Shaw, FSA Scot, Atlanta, Georgia, USA <email: jurascot@bellsouth.net>



**Q:** Much has been made of the fact that you are a non-Scot writing about Scots, but authors write from the same perspective as Churchill did when he wrote about the Civil War. How do you figure this helped or hindered you (or both) in the five years it took to write this book?

**A:** Actually, I wonder if I get away with the assertions I make in the book about Scots' essential role in making the modern world, if my name were, let's say, Angus MacBean! In one sense, there is nothing new about my thesis - Scots have been saying the same thing for years and been ignored because of it. It adds to the credibility when someone who is a bona fide non-Scot, and a certified historian, says it, not out of ethnic pride or chauvinism, but simply because the evidence compels him to.

**Q:** How long were you in Scotland during this period of time and where did you do the majority of your research - Scotland or America?

**A:** Most of the research was done here in the States, but there were some valuable materials in the National Library of Scotland in Edinburgh and in the Mitchell Library in Glasgow. I also made it a goal to try to personally visit every place in Scotland I wrote about in the book, from Perth to Glencoe to Ardnamurchan.

**Q:** How did you decide to write about this fascinating topic of Scots inventing the modern world, and did you raise eyebrows among your fellow historians about it?

**A:** As an historian and teacher, I was always fascinated by how much of modern thought was inspired by those great minds of the Scottish Enlightenment - Adam Smith in Glasgow, David Hume in Edinburgh, Thomas Reid in Aberdeen, along with Francis Hutcheson, Lord Kames, John Millar, Dugald Stewart - and thought it would be fun to do a book on why they came up with the ideas they did, and how profound the impact of those ideas has been. But then when I began to do some research, I realized they were not only supremely great thinkers, but also Scottish thinkers. That was when the bigger project began to take shape, a book really about the modern Scot as the culture-bearer of our civilization.

**Q:** Your chapter on "The Last Minstrel" is as fine a chapter as I have ever read on Sir Walter Scott, long a favorite of mine and too long ignored by current historians and the general public today. When one considers all he did for Scotland, the historical novel, as well as literature in general in Scotland, England and around the world, how could he end up with the lack of recognition today? Do you have more to offer in explanation

than what is in your book? Do you see a comeback for Scott today?

**A:** Yes, I hope you are right. Scott does deserve a better reputation. For a long time it has been the fashion to treat him as a pre-Victorian sentimentalist and writer of historical romances - a sort of Scottish Margaret Mitchell - and many blame him for the cultural distortions that resulted from the "king's jaunt" in Edinburgh in 1822 - a tartanism and all that.

(Editor's note: Dr. Herman is referring here to George IV.) I don't see him that way at all. I see him as a part and parcel of the Scottish Enlightenment in its later phase, a man who was devoted to Scotland and to its past, but who understood the historical forces that had created it and were in the nineteenth century undoing it, and looked for a way to save what he could of that past before it vanished forever. He's a terribly important and underrated figure. Part of the problem, I suppose, is that modern readers usually find his popular books - *Ivanhoe* and *Waverley* and *The Talisman* - unsympathetic and over wrought. In fact, it is his lesser-known Scottish novels - like *Old Mortality* - that are now coming back into critical attention, and may trigger that Scott boom you're talking about.

**Q:** In your book you have put more emphasis on Sir Walter Scott than on Robert Burns. Your book index shows a more than two-to-one ratio of references in favor of Scott. What brought you to your evidently very high appreciation of Scott?

**A:** Well, Scott was truly a figure of international significance when he died, whereas Burns remained almost unknown outside the British Isles. That is not a judgment call; it's just a fact. Robert Burns is very beloved to Scots and his poetry has a deep affinity with Scottish culture; he's an important mirror of the Scottish soul, if I can put it that way. But there is no comparison in their larger impact - nor to the impact of Lord Byron, for that matter, a truly wayward Scot, whose poetry also changed the world of European music. Just think how many operas or musical scores were inspired by either Scott or Byron, and you get some idea of what cultural impact they had.

**Q:** You state that drinking cut short the life of Burns. It is well established that Burns had a heart condition his entire life. Did you consider any of the other possibilities that are put forth today by many Burns scholars that he died of a heart condition called rheumatic endocarditis (a bacterial infection of the lining of the heart), brucellosis (fever over a two-year period that could have come from contaminated milk), or pneumonia (caused from his doctor's order that

he spend weeks sea-bathing in cold water when he was too weak to even walk)? If so, how did you decide that drinking led to his death?

**A:** I don't think there is any denying that his alcoholism made all his health problems much worse than they had to be, and he must have known it.

**Q:** In the book, you state that "his (Burns) failure also drove him to drink, cutting short his life at thirty-five." What exactly do you mean by "his failure"?

**A:** I see Burns as a deeply unhappy figure, someone who very early on got a taste of true literary celebrity from the Edinburgh culturati. And then when he began to write poems that really mattered to him, they dropped him like a stone. There's a willful self-destructiveness that runs all through his life, based on that conviction that he was a failure, a failure in the eyes of the world he largely despised but still needed for its approval, and for no fault of his own. What a terrible dilemma!

**Q:** You write that Burns died at age thirty-five. Please explain why you use that figure when all of the Burns scholars I have read, even the three you reference in your bibliography - James Mackay, David Daiches and Hugh Douglas - put him at thirty-seven since he was born January 25, 1759 at Alloway and died in Dumfries on July 21, 1796?

**A:** You're right! That was a mistake that shouldn't have gotten to the printer. But it is corrected in time for the paperback, which is coming out the 24<sup>th</sup> of this month (September), by the way.

**Q:** Is there another book in the works from Arthur Herman? If so, do you care to tell us what it is about or when it will be published?

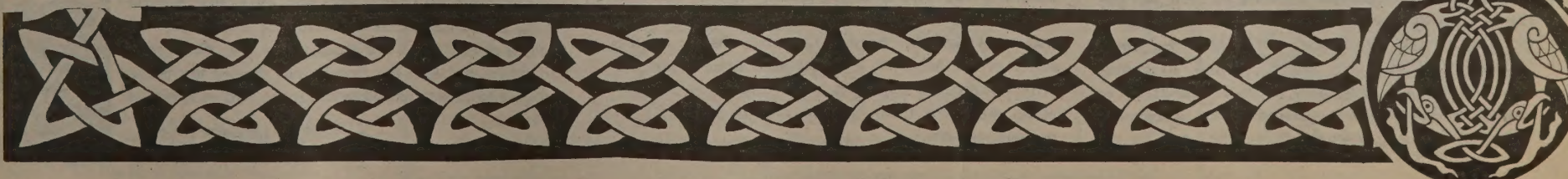
**A:** Yes, my next book is on the British navy, as a force for change in modern history. There will be a fair number of Scots in that one as well, as you might guess - but there are also some interesting little tidbits in it as well - such as the fact George Washington's home, Mount Vernon, was named after a British Admiral, Sir Edward Vernon, and that the man who was responsible for the attack on Pearl Harbor was not Japanese at all, but a British naval aviator - and a Scot to boot!

**Q:** Can we look for you at the Stone Mountain Highland Games in October?

**A:** Not this year, but maybe next.

**Q:** I wish to thank you for the courtesies extended to me in conducting this interview. Is there a last word you would like to leave with the readers of *The Family Tree*?

**A:** Yes, I should thank everyone who bought the book and read it, and the many people who sent letters telling me how much they enjoyed it. It's been the biggest thrill of this whole adventure.





# A HIGHLANDER AND HIS BOOKS

## How The Scots Invented the Modern World

By Arthur Herman (ISBN 0-609-60635-2)

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This review will be a bit longer than normal because of some things that need to be said about a few books currently on the market, or soon to be, by authors writing about the rightful place of Scots in today's world. For those of us who love to read good Scottish books, we live in an exciting time. Never has there been a period in literary history when so many good books are in the bookshops that deal with the intellectual influence of Scots on the world or America, in particular. Those of us fortunate to be a part of the Scottish community are very aware of the impact the fighting Scots have had around the world. As history bears out, Scots have been a mean, lean fighting machine. It is as if Scots were born to be fighters in the great military campaigns in history. Scots are known more for their sword being mightier than their pen.

Now, we have Scots and non-Scots in a relatively short period of time telling the story of Scots in medicine, science, literature, history, philosophy, sociology, religion, technology and capitalism, to name a few areas. These books describe their achievements or inventions outside the box of military campaigns. These great authors are telling us that the enormous accomplishments of the Scots and the direct impact they had on the world has been largely overlooked by historians and the world. **Until now!** Decide for yourself.

Take a look at the books that have flooded the shelves of our bookstores recently. Duncan Bruce has two - **The Mark of the Scots** and **The Scottish 100**. Both are wonderful books that are fast becoming classics. Then there is Stewart Lamont's **When Scotland Ruled the World**, not as well known but worthy reading indeed. And now we have Arthur Herman's **How the Scots Invented the Modern World**. By the time you read this, the former chairman of Motorola, Robert Galvin, if there ever was a proud Scot, will be out with his book, **America's Founding Secret - What the Scottish Enlightenment Taught Our Founding Fathers**. Wait! There is more to come. Alexander Leslie Klieforth and Robert John Munro recently asked me to review their manuscript that will be published in 2003 entitled **The Scottish Invention of America**, a book you need to "bookmark" on your "to buy list" right now. That is one book I look forward to reviewing in its completed form.

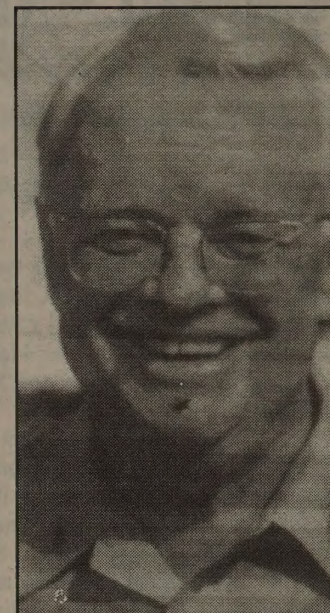
Bruce, Lamont, Herman, Galvin, as well as Klieforth and Munro, among others, are telling us to hold our heads high because of the accomplishments of the Scottish men discussed in their books. They are saying that it is time for Scots to be recognized for all they have done for mankind. What these books say to me is that Scots have largely been knocked about, pushed aside, stepped over, maybe beat up a little, and mostly ignored...outside of their military ability. I get the feeling that Scots have been made to feel they are the "red-headed stepchild at the family reunion" that no one really wanted to claim. Scotland, for too long, has been in search of an identity, and it has been right under our noses since the Scottish Enlightenment. Like the man in the

movie, these authors today are raising the windows to the world and shouting they are fed up with such nonsense. They are proclaiming to one and all that they are not going to put up with it any more, and neither should we!

Now we come to Arthur Herman's bestseller, **How the Scots Invented the Modern World**. A buddy of mine, Ross Wyllie, mentioned to me one night during our monthly Burns Club meeting that he had seen the author on television. I was intrigued by the title, but I must admit I was a bit skeptical, and I sort of chuckled, shook my head and thought, "Here we go again." Scotland? This poorest of all European nations inventing the World? Excuse me! They, our ancestors, were at times unable to rule their own country much less invent the world. Give me a break. Yet, I bought it, read it, but promptly assigned it to a shelf in my library. I found myself drawn back to it from time to time. Then, a few weeks ago, I re-read my "map" through the book (my markings, underlining and notes written in the margins). I decided to review it. Maybe after all, I concluded, the "pen was mightier than the sword".

I determined that anyone inspired by John Prebble, as Herman says he was, must have something to say. Prebble could do no wrong in my book. I cut my teeth on Prebble and have never forgotten the messages of his wonderfully and beautifully written books. It was a great day when I picked up my first book by him at a Highland games book tent. Sadly Prebble died not that long ago and some of the literary hacks, jackals and hyenas couldn't wait to jump his carcass, even before his body was cold in the grave. But, in my opinion, Prebble somewhere down the road will get the last laugh because his writings will still be around when their jumping days are over and they are gone and long forgotten. Thank God! Herman, a non-Scot like Prebble, has also had his detractors. But, an author who quotes Duncan Bruce is pretty wise. A writer who unapologetically says that Sir Walter Scott is "Scotland's greatest writer" and the one who "singled-handedly changed the course of literature", as Herman does, is saying what I have thought for years.

One thing Herman does is use frequent anecdotal stories. For example, his quoting Andrew Jackson's mother never "to sue anybody for slander, assault, or battery. Always settle them cases yourself". Or, as she told her son one day, "Stop that, Andrew. Girls were made to cry, not boys." "What are boys made for, Mother?" he asked. "To fight," she answered. Another interesting anecdote relates how Charles Napier banned the Hindu practice of suttee (the cremation of a widow on her husband's funeral pyre). The Brahmin priests let him know in no uncertain terms that he was interfering with an important national religious custom. Much to the relief of the widows, I might add. Napier replied, "My nation has a custom, when men burn women alive, we hang them. Let us all act according to national custom."



Frank Shaw, FSA Scot

There are a few things that a dyed-in-the-wool Scot may disagree with Herman about. For instance, saying of Robert Burns that "his failure also drove him to drink, cutting short his life at thirty-five." The author's ready acceptance of this old canard (false and unfounded report) of his early biographers is not easily understood. (See the "Chat" with author Herman in this issue where the subject is discussed.) If the jackals jumped the bones of Prebble, can you imagine how quickly they jumped the bones of Burns with his sharp wit and acid tongue? You see, Burns was actually 37 when he died, but not from excessive drinking. Scholars today such as James MacKay (international Burns scholar) and Thorne Winter, M. D. (local Burns scholar), just to mention two of many, now believe Burns died of rheumatic heart disease, or to be precise, "endocarditis, a disease of the substances and lining membrane of the heart". MacKay believes that "bacterial endocarditis complicating rheumatic heart disease still seems, on balance, the likeliest cause of death..." In modern vernacular, Robert Burns was a "dead man walking", not from alcoholism, but from the heart disease that plagued him all his life and particularly his last year or so. Drinking may have exacerbated his death to some degree, but I do not believe it would have been listed today on a death certificate as the primary cause of his death - maybe as a secondary cause, but that may even be a stretch.

Another question I had was why Herman put Culloden in Aberdeenshire. (Inverness, the "capital of the Highlands" as we know it today, was just seven or eight miles down the road.) Also, Herman fails to mention the aborted all-night march of Bonnie Prince Charlie's men that sucked the very fighting strength out of the troops for that battle a few hours later. They were tired and starving. Again he says that their commanders steadily lost their nerve that day of the one-sided battle (tell that to their widows and orphans). And, yes, Lord Elcho, a disgruntled follower, did have a few choice words about the Bonnie Prince who was forcefully ushered off the field of battle by those nearest to him *after his horse had been shot out from under him*. But Elcho had fallen out with the Prince long before the battle and couldn't resist the opportunity to bad-mouth him

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# Family Reunions • Gatherings • Meetings



## Share your reunion secrets!

Edith Wagner

Edith Wagner is  
editor of  
*Reunions Magazine*



Reunions have continued to be strong this year and are a major source of interest for many families who may not be considering other forms of travel. Being with family is an increasingly important goal for many who, prior to September 11, 2001, were not as insistent upon frequent contact. If yours is one of those families, consider yourself in the forefront of an important movement to reconnect and strengthen your bonds.

### Share your reunion secrets

Do you have a family association? The following is a plea that you might be able to help with. This request is for people to interview for an article in Reunions magazine from the writer, Georgia Burnette "I am writing an article about how and why family associations are formed, their purpose and goals (long- and short-term) and about persons instrumental in their formation. If your family has formed an association, I have questions and I'm certain you'll have answers."

"It will probably take a 15-minute telephone interview with a family member knowledgeable about the association and its formation, plus some discussion and sharing of documents (for example, by-laws to determine eligibility for membership, fee structure) and current projects or those in the planning stage. Kindly contact me: Georgia Burnette, 291 Vine Lane, Amherst NY 14228; 716-691-8106; <netburn@worldnet.att.net>."

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<megan@honoringourancestors.com>.

### Upcoming family reunions

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Bootzin/Hurwitz - June 26-29, 2003, Milwaukee WI. Donna Neubauer, 414 354 5 9 6 1 ; <Red1Neubs@aol.com>.

Hanks - June 27-29, 2003, Williamsburg VA. Barbara & Bob Baber, <rbaber@cinci.rr.com>; <http://hanksfamilypage.homestead.com>

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McCloud - Jul 24-27, 2003, Verdi NV. Angie McCloud, <angie.mccloud@hotmail.com>.

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(Nelson) Nottoli. Jul 11-14, 2003, Rothbury MI. Rachel Miller, PO Box 235, Hanover MI 49241; 517-563-8632; <rachel235@earthlink.net>.

Wallace - July 24-27, 2003, Reno NV. Richard A. Wallace, 728 E. 19th St, Marysville CA 95901; 530-743-1060; <gotcha1@otn.net>.

Wilson/Franklin - Jun 26-29, 2003, AZ. M. Franklin, <mafddf@aol.com>.

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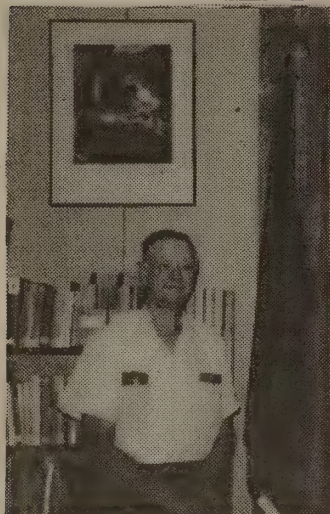
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# The Celts..or, is it "Kelts?"

Dr. Raymond E. Hunter



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Beginning in the 800s BC and lasting through the end of the millennium, a remarkable people spread from the region of southeastern Germany, part of Austria, and part of Hungary throughout most of central and Western Europe. Known simply as Celts when the expansion began, they differentiated into sub-groups as they settled in present-day Spain, Portugal, France, the British Isles, northern Italy, southern Germany, parts of Scandinavia, and even parts of western Russia.

The Celtic people were great warriors and great artisans; most of the bronze found across the Mediterranean countries came from Celtic mines

and smelters. They provided many of the fine stonemasons who built impressive edifices in the Greek and Roman Empires. But they had one characteristic that has retarded our understanding of the degree to which they dominated European civilization: they believed that a person's word was the most sacred thing on earth, that a man would give his life before he would violate his spoken pledge. As a result, very few "documents" were put into writing, such as deeds, wills, and the like. Hence, few writings in Celtic have survived, and we know about the Celtic people mostly from writings by people in neighboring coun-

tries, such as the Greeks and Romans.

The Celtic people who settled in today's France became known as Gauls. When the Romans invaded Gaul in the first century BC, there ensued a titanic struggle, with the Gauls led by Vercingetorix. The fierce independence of the Celtic people worked to the disadvantage of Vercingetorix, as

he had to rely on voluntary support from the independent tribes within Gaul - who were as likely to fight each other as they were to fight the common enemy. Even so, Vercingetorix fought the Romans to a standstill - an accomplishment never before realized during the Roman Empire expansion - until Vercingetorix made a military mistake in splitting his army. He and part of his forces were trapped in Alesia, and eventually to save the townspeople, he surrendered. He was taken to Rome and tortured to death in 45 BC.

Many of the Gauls fled the region rather than submit to foreign rule; they traveled completely across Europe to settle in what is today central Turkey. The region became known as Galatia, from the word Gaul (cf. Paul's letters to the Galatians).

The Celtic people in the Iberian Peninsula, being more thinly spread, were more easily conquered by the Romans, who occupied most of the peninsula in the second century BC. After the Roman Empire began to crumble, the Moors crossed the Straits of Gibraltar to invade Spain in the 700s AD. Again a titanic struggle ensued, with the Moors being eventually pushed out after having held the southern half of the country for many years. The influence of the Moors in the Spanish bloodlines can be seen today, in the rich black hair and flashing eyes of the stereotypical *scorrita*. But there is still a substantial percentage of the Spanish people, particularly from the northern region, who have red hair and fair skin - the former in particular being a nearly certain indication of Celtic genes. It was in the British Isles

that the Celts left their biggest mark. The first wave of Celts, in the period of about 600 - 400 BC, spread across the islands and became known as Gaels. In about 150 BC, a second wave, known as Brythons, spread across southern England. It is from the word "Brython" that we get the names "Briton," for the people in southern and central England, and "Breton," for those who fled the Romans and Anglo-Saxons and settled in northern France.

The Romans began their invasion of Britain in 55 BC, but left after two invasion forces had been thoroughly defeated by the Brythonic Celts. They returned in great force a hundred years later, and there ensued a costly and tedious effort to subdue the Celtic tribes in today's England. After nearly a hundred years, the Romans reached the neck of the island, where Hadrian built the wall known by his name, across approximately the boundary between present-day Scotland and England. That wall was built as protection against the Scots (and/or Picts, as the eastern Scots were sometimes known).

But the Romans could not hold the country against the Scots, the frequently rebellious Britons, and the Gaels in the western regions, known as Welsh, especially with the new problems of Angles and Saxons raiding the southeastern coastline. In 410 AD, the Romans left for good, telling the Britons to "see to their own defenses." For a period of about 400 years, the Roman Empire had poured a substantial part of their military might into an unsuccessful attempt to conquer the Gaels and Britons - whereas in their other campaigns, they had managed to conquer every country they had invaded in short order.

In subsequent years, the increasing pressure of Anglo-Saxons invasions from regions of present-day Germany pushed the Britons into present-day Wales, southern Scotland, and the Bretonic region of northern France. The Anglo-Saxon approach to conquering a territory

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## Peggy Baker Looks at Books!



Joyce Holms: *Bad Vibes* (Headline Book Publishers, London, 1998; large print edition Thorpe, 2000 ISBN 0-7089-4183-4). Mystery

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Eric Merrill Budd: *Scottish Tartan Weddings* (Hippocrene Books, \$22.50, ISBN 0-7818-0754-9)

#### **Reference.**

This very practical guide will be of assistance whether you are involved in planning a 100% Scottish

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Especially gratifying are the historical roots many customs. For example, before the current popularity of the present-day white wedding dress, Scottish brides preferred to wear blue. Never green, because green is the fairies' color and those pixies might be jealous and take it amiss. Annoying a fairie is no way to start married life!

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# Robert Burns Lives!

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## Background of the Times in Which Burns Lived, Loved and Wrote

Before we jump head long into Burns the poet or Burns the man, I feel it is necessary to give consideration to some of the events that took place prior to and during his lifetime. Time does not permit the opportunity to go into great detail of these events, and neither can we touch on all of them, but a thumbnail sketch of some of the more important ones will, I hope, whet your appetite for further independent study as your time and interest allow.

Some of these events transpired in the fifty years or so prior to Burns birth: the Presbyterian Church of Scotland became "the" church for the country. (The Kirk publicly disciplined Burns, and it had a profound effect on him the rest of his life. Read "Holy Willie's Prayer" considered by Burns to initially be unprintable. Burns scholar Kenneth Simpson says it is "the most powerful indictment in world literature of bigotry and hypocrisy". Follow up by reviewing "The Twa Herds" and "The Ordination" to catch a glimpse of how all of this affected his relationship and views on the Kirk.) Next, Scotland's independence as a nation ceased with the 1707 Union with England. (The Earl of Seafield called it "the end of an auld sang", but in 1715 the first rebellion, or "Rising" as some prefer to call it, came and went like a mere flicker in the night.

A few years later witchcraft executions were halted. (James Mackay writes that Betty Davidson, who lived with the Burns family, "kept the children amused and spellbound with what Robert was later to describe as 'the largest collection in the country of tales and songs concerning devils, ghosts, fairies, brownies, witches...and other trumpery'".) [Note: Mackay is another Burns scholar you will want to become immediately acquainted with as you study Burns.] Burns' "Halloween" is another good source. Then in the mid-1720s, Allan Ramsay came on the scene with his poetry that greatly influenced Burns. David Daiches dares to write "the movement of Scots poetry in the eighteenth century is from a Ramsay to a Burns" which, I believe, history has proven to be true.

Once again "the end of an auld sang" reared its ugly head for the last stanza with the 1745 Rising led by Bonnie Prince Charlie. Culloden put an end to the Stuarts quest to regain the thrones of Scotland and England. Scottish scholar Duncan Bruce stated in an interview with me sometime back that "Culloden just hasten'd the end of the clans. The clan system was outmoded and near collapse when Charlie came, I believe". Burns later wrote: "The injured Stewart line is gone, / A race outlandish fills their throne; / An idiot race, to honour lost - / Who knows them best despise them most". See his "Fareweel to a' our Scottish Fame" where he said, "I'll mak this declaration: / 'We're bought and sold for English gold' - / Such a parcel of rogues in a nation!" Yet Burns, like many, only flirted at being a Jacobite intellectually. Also see "Charlie, He's My Darling / My darling, my darling / Charlie, he's my darling - / The Young Chevalier!"

### Robert Burns was born in 1759.

Mackay points out that Session clerk David Tennant "laconically noted the details in his parish register: 'Robert Burns, lawful son of William Burns, in Alloway, and Agnes Brown, his spouse, was born January 25, 1759; bapd. 26, by Mr William Dalrymple. Witnesses: John Tennant and Jas. Young'."

Continuing with background information: as the poems of Robert Fergusson came to Edinburgh, Burns became a lover of everything he wrote. Yet, Fergusson "was not patronized and petted by the literata" as Burns later was. America made an announcement to the world on a piece of paper called the Declaration of Independence in 1776 (See "Ode For General Washington's Birthday"), and the results of that war of liberation are well known and documented. Then by the mid-1780s, the poems began to really flow from the young poet's hand: "Holy Willie's Prayer", "To A Louse", "To A Mouse", "The Cotter's Saturday Night", "The Twa Dogs" and "Address to the Deil", among others.

1786 saw the Kilmarnock Edition of Burns' poems published, and his plans to leave the country for Jamaica were put aside permanently. (It is mentioned in the Autumn 2002 issue of **Burns Chronicle**, a Robert Burns World Federation publication that you need to know about, that one of the Kilmarnock editions recently sold for £20,000 in London, a record price in the United Kingdom. In 1996 a copy sold for \$36,000 in America. So, be careful what you throw out of your Scottish grandfather's attic! Or, if you have an elderly Scottish neighbor, you might want to be a little nicer or even offer to cut his grass.)

Burns made his first trip to Edinburgh to see about publishing another issue of his poems, and a whole new world was opened to him. For the first time in his life, the scent of money was in the air, and that scent became a reality when the First and Second Edinburgh Editions were published. (Enquiring about Robert Fergusson, one author says that Burns "prostrated himself on the grave of Fergusson and kissed the sod". Whether he did or not, he asked about "my elder brother in misfortune, / By far my elder brother in the muse". According to Mackay, Burns found that young Fergusson lay in an unmarked grave, and he paid for a marker to eventually be made, a great story for a later date.) More importantly, Burns now turns his attention to collecting Scottish songs after meeting James Johnson, a music publisher. This task would consume him until his death. In his classic book, **Robert Burns**, David Daiches writes that at this time Burns "worked less as Robert Burns than as the embodied spirit of Scottish song".

"Tam O Shanter" was written in 1790 and "Ae Fond Kiss" in 1791. France experienced the fall of the Bastille, and the world witnessed the Declaration of the Rights of Man by the French

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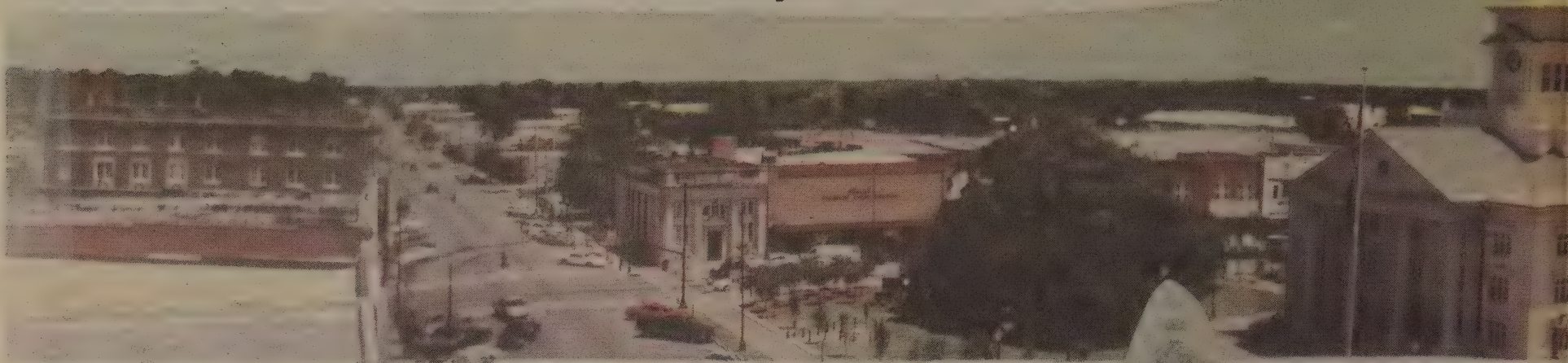


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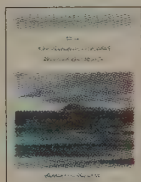
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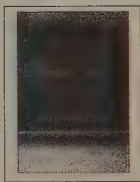
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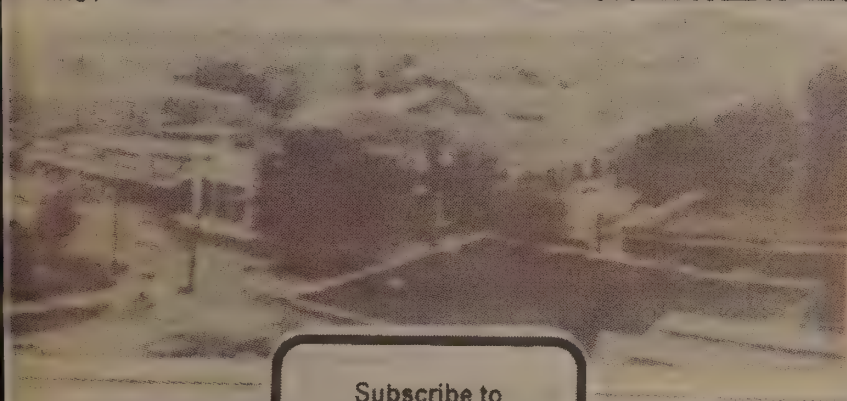
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Assembly, with a little help, I might add, from Thomas Jefferson. The following year, in 1792, Thomas Mann published his *Rights of Man*, another impact on Burns. He begins work for George Thomson's *Select Collection of Original Airs*. Also, 1792 saw the world shocked and repulsed by the massacres in Paris. The King and Queen of France were executed in January 1793. There was a new weapon on display in Paris, the guillotine, which rolled more than a few heads out into the streets. The next month England was at war with France. (Burns was investigated because his pen seemed to align himself with the French, and the threat of the loss of his job nearly frightened him to death. Burns later joined the Royal Dumfries Volunteers to affirm and to dispel any doubts regarding loyalty to his country. Further reading should include "Does Haughty Gaul Invasion Threat?") Do not overlook the trial of Thomas Muir in Edinburgh and its implications. The Second Edinburgh Edition is published. (Interestingly, for me, nine Shaw families were subscribers to the Second Edition.) Then came a poem from Burns that is a favorite of my fellow Burnsian Richard Graham, Chieftain to the Clan Graham, called "A Red, Red Rose".

The song collecting, writing and rewriting continued over the years and saw "Scots, Wha Hae" published anonymously in 1794, followed by "For A' That, An A' That" in 1795, and in 1796 Burns wrote "O, Wert Thou in the Cauld Blast". Let's not forget "Auld Lang Syne", either. (Magnus Magnusson, called the "smartest man in Britian", says "A Man's a Man for A' That" is "the most internationally reknown of all Robert Burns' songs". Far be it from me to disagree with someone of Mr. Magnusson's stature, but I'll cast my vote for "Auld Lang Syne" as international song of all times!)

**Robert Burns dies in 1796.**

(Interestingly, Burns wrote on departing a Highland host, "When Death's dark stream I

ferry o'er / [A time that surely shall come], / In Heaven itself I'll ask no more, / Than just a Highland welcome.")

Many books have been written on the above subjects. Unfortunately, space limits us to this brief sketch. It is up to you to follow up with trips to the library and bookshops for further reading - *and study*. If your local library does not have the book you are looking for, ask them about their inter-library loan program that allows them to find book(s) you want from participating libraries throughout the United States. It may take a little time, but the wait is worth it. Do not be discouraged, and do not give up. One step at a time will eventually get us to our destination.

You will do yourself a disservice if you do not find **Robert Burns** by David Daiches and read the chapter entitled "The Scottish Literary Tradition". It is 31 pages of background joy on Burns' life. Remember this is a self-study for those of us new to Burns or those who want a refresher course. It is just a little exercise *for lay people* in **Burns 101**. There will be nothing new to this study. After all, what is there left to say or write, surely not much, that has not already been said about the "heaven-taught ploughman", as Henry Mackenzie called him in 1787. Yet, as G. Ross Roy says, "any student of Robert Burns will know that the writing about the poet seems to be without end...". You will need a good Scots dictionary, and I recommend you find a copy of Chambers' *The Concise Scots Dictionary* (ISBN 0-08-028491-4) for ready reference.

Please continue to write me via email or snail mail, and let me know how you are doing in your study of Burns - what you like, what you want more of, what you do not like, what you feel will help you *and me* in this task that is a simple labor of love for our poet, Robert Burns. Some of you have already contacted me, and I can tell this will be an active and

lively group. And, remember, we've just begun! Simply put, your desire to learn about Burns and his poetry will dictate your level of commitment to this course of study.

If you have or know others who have written articles on Burns and would like to see them considered for publication in this column, please let me know. For those who do not have email, my mailing address is: Frank R. Shaw, 1320 Twelve Oaks Circle, NW, Atlanta, GA, 30327-1862, USA. Also, check us out on [www.electricscotland.com](http://www.electricscotland.com) under *The Family Tree* masthead. All of our articles on Burns, various book reviews, chats with authors, as well as other articles will be found there. Plus, there is a vast wealth of information on Burns to be found on *electricscotland*, compliments of Alastair McIntyre, Web Site Host. Finally, Robert Burns once said: "I rhyme for fun". I suggest we follow his advice. Go have fun!

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## The Family Tree helps a Georgia man find his own family tree!

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While looking through it I found out that the Coleman family was part of Clan Buchanan.

They sent me a form on which I could record my parents, their parents and so on. Not having much to go on, I sent a copy each to my brothers. One lives in Ohio and the other lives in Atlanta, Georgia. This started the ball rolling.

After many hours on the Internet, visiting with relatives in Kentucky, visiting cemeteries, talking with folks on the telephone and many, many hours putting together a history of the Virginia Coleman and the Kentucky Coleman families, I now know that our 8<sup>th</sup> great-grand father was born in England in 1622. I have a copy of each grandfather by name and his children. There are 10 generations of this Coleman family. I have many pictures of old relatives. I soon hope to add these to the other information I have sent to the Moultrie Library, in Moultrie, Georgia.

Thanks to *The Family Tree* for making this trip through my history. Any family member can reach me at: Carl Coleman, 308 Sparta Street, Warner Robins, GA 31088.

### Celts/Kelts,

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was somewhat akin to the Israelites under Joshua: slay all inhabitants. Hence, there was very little mixing of Celtic genes in the tribes that evolved into the English of today.

The stubborn warrior traits of the Gaels, and especially the Scots, continue down through history. The failure of the Romans to achieve military victory over the Scots portended such events as the defeat by the Scots of the English at the Battle of Bannockburn, where the Scottish army demolished a foe that outnumbered them by about four to one.

Because of the paucity of written records, the scope of Celtic settlement across Europe has not been easy to establish. One feature already mentioned that is strongly associated with Celtic blood lines is red hair; a great majority of people in the world who have red hair will be found to have a Celtic ancestor. But that feature is not uniquely associated with the Celts, so the spread of Celtic people in such areas as present-day Germany and Scandinavia has not been accepted by all authorities. During World War II, a discovery was made that only recently has received meticulous research.

Continued next time

### Friend family offers new cookbook! Yummy!

The *Friend Family Cookbook* is available from the Friendship Store located in Friendsville, Maryland. Mathew Friend has collected many very enticing recipes from Friends all over the country. Mathew lives on the west coast, but has been a very helpful member of our computer committee.

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## Halloween was a Celtic celebration of ancestors & spirits

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The people would show their lack of inhibition by wearing strange clothing and playing pranks, while children would knock on neighbors' doors asking for treats.

What was most important to the Druids was the belief that on these days contact could be made with departed spirits and guidance or inspiration is received. Therefore, the dead were not feared, but celebrated as loving guardians and guides.

Ultimately, the days of Samhuinn were renamed by early Christians to be Hallowe'en (31 October), All Hallow's (All Saints Day) [1 November], and All Souls Day (2 November).

### New York Caledonian Club Scottish Cultural Day slated for October 19<sup>th</sup>

The New York Caledonian Club will hold a Scottish Cultural Day on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2002, at the West Park Presbyterian Church on the corner of West 86<sup>th</sup> Street and Amsterdam Avenue in Manhattan. The day's programs will include workshops on Highland bagpiping, Scottish fiddling, Gaelic language, children's Scottish storytelling, Scottish country dancing, Gaelic singing and a lecture on Scotland and the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

A Celtic New Year/Halloween ceilidh will be held that evening beginning at 7:30 PM.

Noted instructors for the workshops include Donald F. Lindsay, founder of the Invermark College of Piping, Richard and Marion Hamilton (bagpiping), Alice Backer (fiddling and songs), Thomas Leigh (Gaelic), Jack Cole and Ann Hankins (country dancing), Maggie Carchie (Gaelic singing) and Susan Scatena (children's storytelling). The lecture will be given by Tom Laurenson.

A complete workshop schedule can be found on the Club's web site at [www.nycaledonian.org](http://www.nycaledonian.org). Workshop fees range from \$10 to \$25, except for the children's storytelling, which is free of charge. Participants are requested to register before September 30<sup>th</sup> either on-line or via post. Admission to the ceilidh is \$10 and does not require preregistration.

Commenting on the inaugural event, Dr. Chris Pratt, Chief of the New York Caledonian Club said, "The New York Caledonian Club is proud to host the Scottish Cultural Day as it complements the rich curriculum of our Scottish Studies Program."

For more information contact: Email Dr. Chris Pratt at <[chief@nycaledonian.org](mailto:chief@nycaledonian.org)>, call 212.662.1083, or visit <[www.nycaledonian.org](http://www.nycaledonian.org)>.

### About the New York Caledonian Club

Founded in 1856 by newly arrived Scottish immigrants, the New York Caledonian Club is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable, educational and literary organization and is open to anyone who has an interest in Scotland.

Annual events include Hogmanay (Scottish New Year), the Robert Burns Supper, the Kirkin' of the Tartans and several ceilidhs. Through its Scottish Studies Program, the Club offers courses in Scottish Gaelic, Highland dancing, and Highland bagpiping each fall and spring.

The New York Caledonian Club is a member of An Comunn Gaidhealach Ameireaga, the Conference of Patriotic and Historical Societies, and the Council of Scottish Clans and Associations, Inc. The Club has over 200 members in the tri-state area.

### Ein Zungenbrecher, a tongue twister for you

Try repeating this sentence five times fast: Es klapperten die Klapperschlangen bis die Klappern schlapper klangen. (The rattlesnakes rattled until their rattles

sounded listless.)

*Help! My tongue is twisted into a knot!*

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### Reunions , Continued from page 11 A

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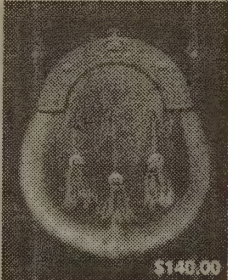
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Thanks to Jennifer Blair of Tucson for the photographs!

#### How The Scots Invented the Modern World, Continued from page 10 A

at any time. Herman further states that the Prince had never seen the "strange Highland dress" (read kilt) until he was in Scotland. (Other scholars point out that the Bonnie Prince had "a deep fascination with his Scottish ancestry" as evidenced by the oval miniature portraits of himself that he gave to his friends. His "tartan jackets were elaborately trimmed in ermine tails and gold braid", and he sported the Jacobite cockade in the form of a white rose in his Scottish bonnet. He was given a kilt as a young child by one of his father's followers, and countless dozens of Scots, like John Gordon of Glenbucket, who proudly dressed in their Highland dress from head to toe, called on his father to pay homage "to the king across the water" at the Palazzo Muti in Rome. After all, he was a Stuart Prince, tutored by the Jacobite, Sir Thomas Sheridan, in a Jacobite court.) And the beat goes on.

Even with the above questions, I firmly

believe Arthur Herman has done us a favor by writing this book, which is interesting, fascinating, absorbing and a publication worthy of any Scotsman's library. It took Herman five years to do his research. The achievements the author writes about regarding these mostly Lowland Scots and a few of their northern cousins (the so-called "sons of the heather") will enlighten you. What these Scotsmen did for Scotland, America, Canada, Nova Scotia, Australia, New Zealand and India, and for that matter, the whole world, is miraculous. So, again, let all Scottish lads and lassies hold their heads high. We have a wonderful heritage to be proud of and an identity to proclaim. In conclusion, the full title of the book says it all - **How the Scots Invented the Modern World: The True Story of How Western Europe's Poorest Nation Created Our World & Everything In It.** Enjoy. I did!

#### Here's a puzzle for you

Susan wants to know: What do you call the person for whom you are named?

For example, if you are named for your grandmother, you are HER "name-sake."

Your Grandmother is YOUR "(what)?" What is the term that is the counterpart to "namesake"?

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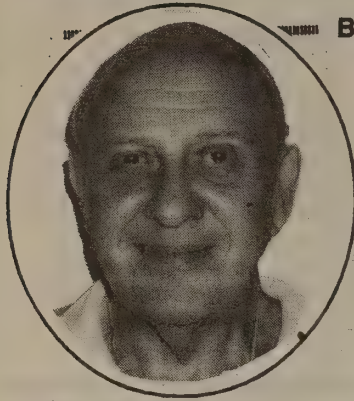
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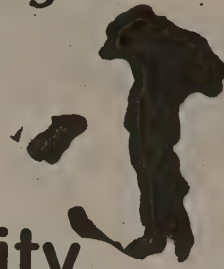
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# Tracing Italian nobility



**N**obility in Italy has a glamorous and glorious past. It is so grandiose, space allowances for this article will not do justice to a complete or detailed history. Therefore, my mission will be to summarize as briefly as possible to provide you, the genealogy reader, with only the highlights.

The beginnings of nobility in Italy coincided with the crusades in the thirteenth century, not unlike much of the rest of Europe.

Because Italy in those days was not one unified nation, it's separate states, duchies and principalities each conferred

it's own titles. Basically, a title was granted to those who owned land, conducted service for the royal family and provided military assistance to the church or the sovereign rulers.

The origins of titles began in Sicily and Sardinia. It then spread to the Italian mainland.

The title noble stems from the Latin word nobilis whose literal meaning is defined as one who has a high birth or rank, i.e., well known in public. Because Italy was not one specific entity like Spain, France or England, there were many titled families. This increases the possibility of one's chances to connect with a legitimate blood line. But, bear in mind, the percentage of any one of us laying claim to authentic "blue blood" is infinitesimally small, less than 1%. Most of

us who are Italian-Americans descend from Italy's common agricultural forebearers, therefore more than 99% of us will have no reason to pursue Italian aristocracy or nobility which simply does not exist.

The first honored were knights (Cavaliere). Along with a titled came a crest, i.e., coat of arms. This insignia first appeared on the knights armor. These are honored and legitimate forms of identification. Therefore no one should claim a coat of arms unless genealogical research verifies a legitimate right to the crest. Anyone who displays or claims a coat of arms produced by one of several American heraldry companies is not only fooling the public but kidding themselves.

While knighthood was the first and most common of Italy's entitlements, it is not hereditary as are the royal

titles. Knighthood was and still is an individual title conferred only by members of an Italian royal family for one's outstanding or meritorious service.

Royal titles are prince, count, viscount, baron, duke or marchese. After a title was conferred, it was passed down to the next generation via the first born male son. His siblings were legitimately noble as well, but could not bear the title.

This process continued down the line, generation by generation even to the present day. Although royal families do not rule in Italy today, descendants of the House of Bourbon or the House of Savoy, as examples, still carry their honored titles.

How does one track down the validity of nobility within one's family? There are several methods of research including notary and university records. Italian libraries may also contain published family histories and genealogies. However, for the typical Italian ge-

nealogist, the normal process of tracing one's pedigree should uncover noble connections, if it exists. Italian church or civil ledgers should contain reference to a noble with a notation "Nob." In Latin, the term "nobil homo" or noble

man in English, would precede the ledger's notation. Sometimes, the term "illustrus" could be used in lieu of nobilis. In any case, as normal research is conducted, some special notation before an individual's name will jump out at you signaling you've got something special to pursue.

Another clue to consider is the ancestral town itself. Since land ownership is the most common link between being noble or not, once you have identified the home of your ancestors, chances are there will exist a continuous flow of ancestors generation by generation through the centuries in the same town.

Finally there are publications, i.e., namely encyclopedias, produced in Italy, which can provide a wealth of valuable data as a starting point for anyone who believes their family has aristocratic or noble links.

While the fascination with importance can be fun and exciting for the average Italian American genealogist, the pursuit of such pipe dreams will only result in frustration and disappointment. Since so few of us are really someone special, genealogically speaking, remember we are all special because of who and what we are, not because some ancestor in the distant past made a mark in history.

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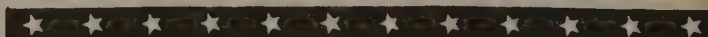
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# Grant of Arms for The Clan Buchanan Society International Inc. almost completed! Thanks to Claude A. Buchanan!



Claude Buchanan Gartincaber <buchanan@actrix.co.nz> *Pro Me Si Merior In Me*

Herald at Large - The Clan Buchanan Society International  
429 Kiwitahi Road, Helensville, FD #2 Auckland, New Zealand

A grant of Heraldic Arms to a individual or Company or Society is always fraught with some degree of difficulty and especially can it be so when as in the case of the Clan Buchanan Society there is a long history of Heraldic grants to members of the Clan both prior to the establishment of the Lyon Register and in the years since it was established.

Much misinformation about the right to bear arms and the use of arms has unfortunately established a believe that any Buchanan can use the arms of the chief or the crest of the chief as their heritable right, and of course quite clearly this is not, and never has been so. The crest of the chief, can be worn as a badge, when surrounded by a belt and buckle to denote membership of the Clan. The shield with the chiefly blazon is not the property of clan members and can only be used by the chief of the Clan. These two facts should be clearly understood.

The problem of how to establish a suitable blazon for the Clan Buchanan Society was settled by using the following criteria.

1. An obviously Clan Buchanan grant.
2. A link to the chiefly crest which so many Clan members seem to focus upon.
3. A link to the heraldic past of the Clan.
4. A distinctive motto setting out in brief the aims of the Clan Society
5. A crest which established clearly a society identity and gave a link to the heraldic past of the Clan to answer these criteria the following blazon was presented to the Lyon Court and was approved.

1. Or a lion rampant Sable ( Black ) within a royal tressure Sable ( Black ) armed and langued Gules ( the lion showing claw and tongue extended -Red )

This blazon is clearly Buchanan. But how to difference the grant so as to distinguish the Clan Buchanan Society from other heraldic grants. This was done as follows.

2. Three boars heads erased ( Gules - Red )

The Clan Buchanan, prior to the establishment of the Public Register of all Arms and Bearings in Scotland used both Bears and Boars as part of their Heraldic Blazon. The Leny Branch of the Clan do in fact, to this day, use three bears heads as part of the blazon on the shield. ( See the Clan Buchanan Web site covering the Clan Heraldry )

My own family it appears used a chevron between three boars heads, and the chief of the clan used three boars heads. With this in mind it was a very easy choice to select three boars heads as the distinguishing feature of difference for the Clan Buchanan Society grant of arms. This blazon gave a link to an established Heraldic form used by the Clan both prior to Lyon Register and in subsequent years. ( Lord Lyon agreed that this was an acceptable approach )

The matter of the crest remained.

The chiefly crest shows a hand holding a cap of honour turned up ermine. The important feature being the cap of honour. The Criteria for a Society crest being as follows.

1. To establish a crest of distinction.

2. To retain a link to the chiefly crest.

3. To show a new beginning. In heraldry a new beginning is shown by a phoenix rising, so, (3) of the blazon was easy. 'A phoenix Azure ( Blue ) with flames Proper'

A cap of distinction, or a cap of honour, Gules, tuned up ermine, tufted on top with Rose Gules on the head of the phoenix satisfies ( 2 )

The heraldic symbols are strong, distinctive, establish a different look, and convey to the viewer a feeling of a new beginning. These images were again agreed upon by Lord Lyon as being suitably differentiated.

Criteria ( 1 ) is thus satisfied.

The Motto used was already established some years ago by the Society. 'Colligate Fragmenta Ne Pereant' ( Gather up the fragments in case they be lost ) or perhaps ( lest they be lost )

Lyon Court requires a petition to be made using a standardized format setting out the identity and aims of the petitioner, the requested blazon of the petitioned arms, including the requested Motto.

Should these satisfy the requirements of the court the arms are approved. If not then additional correspondence with the court is necessary to establish a blazon suitable to both the courts criteria and the petitioners requirements. In practice there should be little delay, as a good deal of these matters can be settled during preliminary discussion, and prior to the actual petition being submitted.

Once the court has approved the blazon a copy of the 'Letters Patent' are sent to the

representative of the petitioner for final approval. Should there be no further matters related, and all fees have been paid, the court will then send a copy of the Letters Patent to the Heralds Painter who will prepare, by hand, the final document, on parchment.

This is the stage the Clan Buchanan Society International Inc grant of arms is at.

Lyon Clerk ( Mrs. Elizabeth Rhodes indicated in a letter to me dated 24 June 2002 that the document was finalised and was being sent to the Herald Painter. An indication of three to four months was given before we could expect to see the finished Letters Patent. I have asked that the document be sent to me in the first instance. This will allow me to check the document for errors ( I don't expect any ) and to copy the letters patent for inclusion on my web site. The grant will then be sent being to the president of the Society.

I hope that a lapel badge may be produced for sale to members which will display either the crest and motto, or the shield and motto. My own preference would be for the shield and motto. Such a badge would establish quite clearly membership of the Clan Buchanan Society.

I have found the project exciting, and quite challenging to establish a design for the Clan Society, to prepare the petition and present it to the Heraldic Court in Edinburgh.

I thank the Society for giving me this opportunity.



## Our favorite eccentricity

The Earl of Cawdor who refused to ride the train considering it an unnecessary risk. I'm pretty sure that was before the engineer named Botch designed a trestle that immediately collapsed under the weight of a train - hence the term "botched job."

Great Signs - "Poachers Retreat" - get off my land, and "Unsuitable for Coaches" - don't park your bus here.

Thanks to *Grip Fast*, Newsletter of the Clan Leslie Society, PO Box 845, Jackson, NJ 08527.

## Muirhead Clan Society's Federal tax code approved

In a letter dated August 07, 2002, from the Internal Revenue Service received August 19, 2002 Muirhead Clan Society has officially been informed that the application for Tax Exempt Status under the 501 (c) (3) Federal tax Code's was approved.

The following is the statement they received from the IRS: Grantors and contributors may now rely on this determination unless the Internal Revenue Service publishes notice to the contrary. Donors may deduct contributions to the Muirhead Clan Society as provided in section 170 of the code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, and gifts to the Muirhead Clan Society or for our use are deductible for federal estate and gift tax purpose if they meet the applicable provisions of the Code sections 2055, 2106, and 2522.

## What does "getting the mitten" mean?

"Getting the mitten" was an old New England expression which meant an offer of marriage was rejected. It had its origins in yesteryear. Gloves were unknown in country towns, and mittens were hand knitted and worn to keep hands warm.

Often a young suitor would hold his girl's hand to make his proposal. If the hand remained in the mitten, his proposal was acceptable; if the hand was withdrawn, the suitor would get the girls' mitten and not her hand.

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The 1990 U.S. Census of Population was the first census to include an ethnic group listing for "Cajun/Acadian." This has special meaning for Louisiana residents.

Ten percent of Louisiana's population listed themselves as Cajun. This totals about 400,000, while approximately another 25,000 listed Cajun as their secondary ancestry.

Vermilion Parish, located in central Acadiana, has the highest concentration of Cajun: 50 percent of its total population claim that ancestry.

Nationwide, according to the census, most people of Cajun/Acadian ancestry remain close to the ancestral home. Of the 700,000 people listing themselves as part of this ethnic group, 77 percent resided in Louisiana or Texas. A county-by-county listing of total population and Cajun population can be found at: <http://www.cajunculture.com/other/populati.htm>.

### Are you researching in Virginia?

The following is an example of our changing boundaries in this country that has continued until today. In doing our research, we need to be aware of these situations. Are you looking in the right place?

From *The Carolina Herald and Newsletter*, Vol. XXX, No.2, April May June 2002.

From 1728 to as late as 1863, a person born or living in Virginia could have been in:

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Any part of Indiana from 1787 to Statehood in 1816.

Any part of Kentucky from 1775 to Statehood in 1792.

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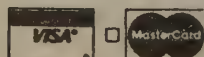
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# Glan chiefs take their place in society

Gethin Chamberlain

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The publishers of the definitive guide to British blue blood have decided that chiefs have been excluded for too long and should be allowed to take their place among the country's recognised nobles.

About 140 chiefs will be included in the 107<sup>th</sup> edition of the book when it is published next year.

Yesterday, Hugh Peskett, consultant editor for *Burke's* in Scotland, said the decision to include clan chiefs in the new edition marks a change in the attitude towards chiefs which had persisted since the abolition of the clan system in the middle of the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

After the defeat of Bonnie Prince Charlie's Highlanders at Culloden in 1746, the clan system was banned by law. Highlanders were not permitted to carry weapons, and all tartans and clan symbols were forbidden. Even bagpipes were banned, being classified as instruments of war.

Coupled with the Highland clearances and a dramatic drop in the price of cattle, many former clan chiefs were ruined, said Mr Peskett, and despite the lifting of the proscription in the 1820s, many clans lost track of their chiefly line.

"It is only recently that there has been a resurgence of interest in the clan system, driven in a large part by interest from America," he said.

He said when *Burke's Peerage* was first published,

clan chiefs were not considered worthy of inclusion.

"*Burke's* started in the early 1800s when chiefs were rather ignored and looked down on in an Anglo-centric way. It never occurred to people that chiefs were peers," he said.

About 140 chiefs will be included, although there are another 200 chieftainships which are as yet undetermined.

Many of those who will appear in the new edition are not even based in Scotland. The list includes five resident

in the United States, two each in Australia and Canada and one each in South Africa, Zimbabwe and New Zealand.

Some clan chiefs - such as the Earl of Elgin and Earl of Glasgow, as heads of the Bruce and Boyle clans respectively - are already included because of their titles.

But the decision to include untitled clan chiefs was welcomed by Major Timothy Strange, whose official title is Strange of Balcaskie and will appear in the new edition.

He said he had been unaware of the change in the criteria for inclusion but was pleased that the clans had finally been officially recognised.

"Some people think it's a load of old bull but I think of it as an honour. I think the family thing is quite important, more so these days when things are not so easy to hold together.

"My wife comes from a rather down-to-earth Devonshire family and looked at it a bit sideways to start

with, but I think now she's become quite interested in it."

Recognition of their status is unlikely to bring any financial benefits to the clan chiefs but the prestige will appeal to some who would not otherwise be eligible for inclusion in *Burke's Peerage*.

The book, which is regarded as the definitive authority on the British aristocracy, has become something of an institution in its own right.

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## Interesting things you didn't know you needed to know

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people, "In God We Trust",  
was not adopted as the national  
slogan until 1956.

A "clue" originally meant  
a ball of thread. This is why  
one is said to "unravel" the

clues of a mystery.

Tablecloths were originally  
meant to serve as towels with  
which guests could wipe their  
hands and faces after dinner.

Thank you to David Louis.

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## The International Association of Clan McInnes has awarded three scholarships

The International Association  
of Clan McInnes was  
pleased this year to ward three  
scholarships.

A piping scholarship of  
\$250 was awarded to Ian  
Nugent of Washington. Ian is  
the grandson of Marti McInnis  
of California. He entertained  
the clansfolk at dinner last year  
playing on his chanter. Ian  
now has his first set of pipes  
and is hoping to be at the  
Games again next year.

A piping scholarship of  
\$250 was awarded to Tristan  
Route of North Carolina.  
Tristan was attending the pip-  
ing school held annually at Valle  
Crucis and came to the Annual  
General Meeting. He enter-  
tained the group with selec-  
tions on the bagpipes. He  
played excerpts from selec-  
tions prepared for his competi-  
tion at Grandfather Mountain.

We are pleased to an-  
nounce that Tristan took two  
second in his competition and  
was named Best Piper in his  
Grade on Sunday....quite an  
honor at Grandfather were the  
competition is fierce.

A general scholarship of  
\$100 was presented to a group  
of students at Dalbrae Acad-  
emy in Nova Scotia. These  
students, all members of the  
Gaelic choir, are planning a trip  
to Scotland in 2003.

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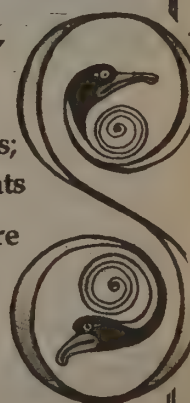
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# Clan Weapons

Dick Lucas



all over Europe for about three centuries.

Most of the Scottish swords with which we are most familiar, the blades were made in Germany. Hilts may have been made in mass quantities, attached to the blades and sold as a completed weapon to armies of Scotland or to clan armies.

If you are looking for a sword or other weapon that may have some relationship to your clan then your best bet is to find a weapon that is associated with a certain area of the UK. Or if your clan served in a certain military unit as a group you can find some weapons that may be peculiar to that army unit.

Investigate before buying any weapons purported to be a weapon belonging to a particular clan.

The same holds true for the Great Sword of the Bruce Family. The sword of Rob Roy MacGregor hangs in Abbotsford, the home of Sir Walter Scott, but it is the sword of Rob Roy not Clan MacGregor.

Many of the basket hilts may be referred to as coming from a certain area such as the Glasgow Basket hilt and the long two handed sword called the Lowlander was a weapon preferred by lowland Scots.

A sword maker in the employment of a Clan Chief may have made weapons for that clan that were similar in appearance because of his method of making swords. For example there are many different styles of the Lochaber Axe all having the distinctive recurved hook inserted in the upper end of the shaft. The Lochaber Axe was a favorite weapon of the Scots in the 16th Century. Another popular weapon was the Berdiche and this referred to almost any type of poleaxe and was used

The question asked most often by visitors to my booth has been, "Do you have a sword/weapon that is identified with my clan?" I am not aware of any weapon of any type that can be claimed as being used by a clan and only that clan. There are several swords, axes, etc. that can be identified as having been used by a clan member and I have heard there is an axe in a Museum in Edinburgh called the Macpherson axe but I have not been able to find anyone that knows where it is.

Lets look at some of the weapons that may be confused as to being clan weapons. The sword hanging in the pub in Scotland from the Highland series is a reproduction of a museum piece and is readily available to anyone; it is a fiction story. There is a sword being offered with McLeod on it and it is also from the same series. The sword used by William Wallace is one of a kind and is associated with Wallace not the Wallace Clan.

£350 a time - to those who appear in its pages.

Those who may appear in the latest edition include Sir Jimmy Savile, Sir Cliff Richard, Sir Bobby Charlton and Sir Paul McCartney. Foreign nationals expected to make it into the pages include Bob Geldof and Rudolph Giuliani.

Charles Mosley, the editor of *Burke's Peerage*, has defended the decision to widen the scope of the entries, arguing that "if they are good enough for the Queen to honour, they are good enough for Burke's."

Three years ago, Mr Mosley upset traditionalists when he decided to include details of illegitimate children of the aristocracy for the first time.

## Burke's Peerage, Continued from page 23 A

Since it was founded in 1826, it has charted the family lineages of titled families using records extending back many generations, some as far back as the eighth and ninth centuries.

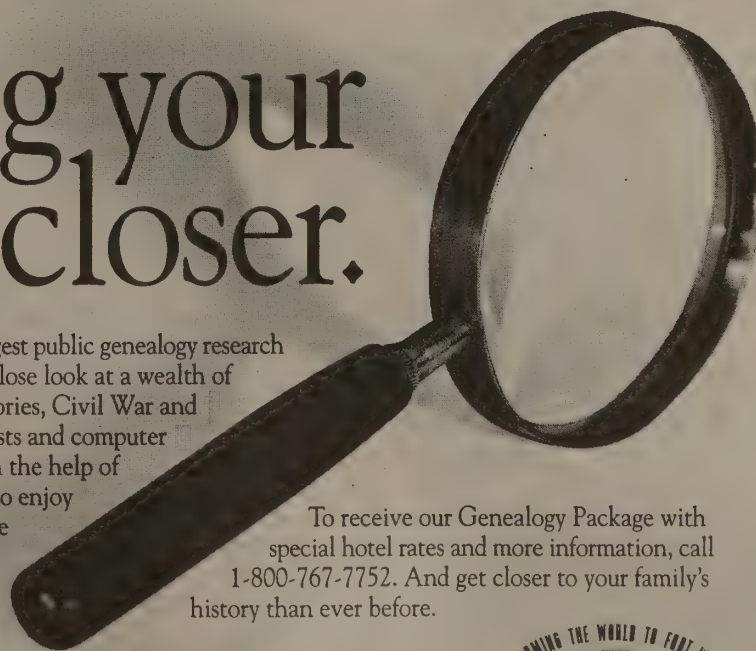
It includes most Prime Ministers and the new edition will also include knights, dames and foreigners who have been given honorary titles among its 4,800 entries.

The three-volume publication has already courted controversy by announcing that it will include some celebrities in the new edition.

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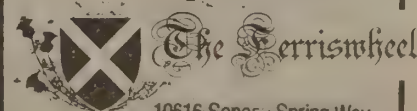
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If you would like to see a list of last year's winners, visit <http://electricscotland.com> and click on *The Family Tree* masthead. Go to "Beth's Columns" and you'll find the complete roster of categories and winners from the last contest.



### Braveheart Scottish Weekend

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already are on our way to having the first 100 registered...and our capacity is 400.

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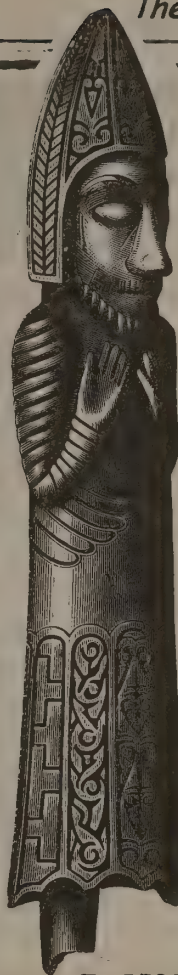
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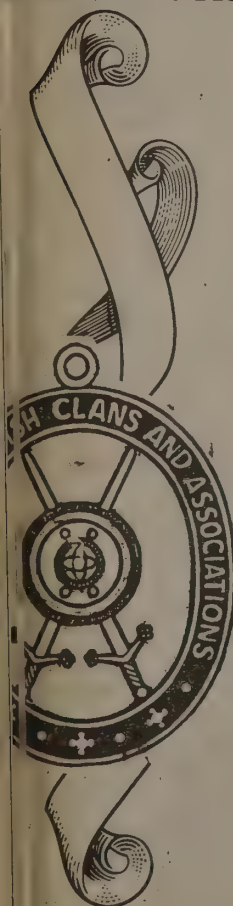
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its formation in July 1988. He holds member number 0002 and has been filling the post of Vice President since the

Society's formation. Mr. Henderson is an attorney and had voluntarily assumed responsibility for ensuring the Clan Society proceeded in its

desire to become incorporated properly. In 1992, he became the Vice President/General Counsel at the request of then society president, Claude

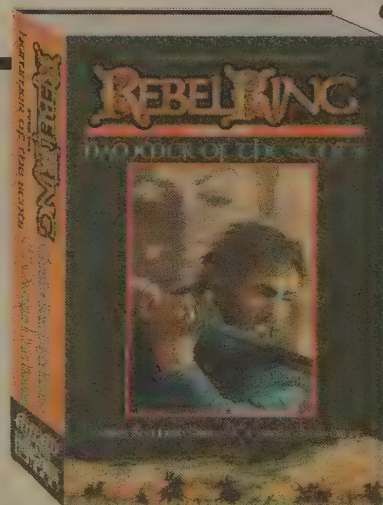
Henderson, making a second vice-presidential position within the structure of the society. He has continued to hold this position since that election

and will remain in this important post at the request of current society president, Commander Rex A. Maddox, USN (ret.).

The Clan Henderson Society will hold its annual general meeting at the Tennessee Highland Games in Murfreesboro, Tennessee the weekend of October 4-6, 2002. It will be at this meeting that the clan society's officers will officially install Mr. David S. Henderson as the new High Commissioner of North America.

Mr. Henderson is married to the former Loulie Burns of Macon, Georgia. The family currently resides in New Bern, North Carolina. Three daughters, all of whom became teachers, were born of this marriage. The daughters are: Loulie Henderson Sikes of New Bern; Barrie Henderson Whittington of Medina, Ohio and Elizabeth Henderson, also of New Bern.

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# 'THE FAMILY TREE'

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## Skeleton hunters track him down! He can't hide from our *Family Tree* readers!

*Congratulations to Irene Cleyhorn, Caroline Thompson and Paul E. Ramsey!*

Our intrepid skeleton hunter, Irene Cleyhorn of Tulsa, Oklahoma, has won the CD for Smithfield Fair, *Jacobites by Name*. All she had to do was search diligently through these pages for our skinny friend...and then send a postcard to us addressed to "Skeleton Hunt, PO Box 2828, Moultrie, GA 31776-2828."

Caroline Thompson of Las Cruces, New Mexico wins a tartan dog collar from our friends at Bonbright Woolens for her expertise in hunting skeletons.

Paul E. Ramsey of Athens, Alabama gets a very interesting CD from Carl Peterson, his *Scotland Remember the Alamo*. Mr. Ramsey, to win Carl's CD, just had to look closely at our pages and send us a postcard!

The ten subscriptions to *Reunions Magazine* from Edith Wagner will go to Daniel E. Davis of Conner, Montana, Scott & Trenea Trimble of Burlington, Kentucky, Valerie Smith of Providence, Rhode Island; Philip McClure of Columbus, Indiana; Pat Linsenmeyer of Lincoln, Nebraska; Angus R. MacAskill, Brookfield, Vermont; Patricia E. Douglas of Rockville, Maryland; Patricia Holtonengst of Centralia, Missouri; Leonard Ouellette of Claremont, New Hampshire, E. R. Eberhard of Galloway, New Jersey; and

Patricia Anderson of Green Valley, Arizona.

All of these experienced skeleton hunters espied our guy from the Douglas House of Design on page 23A of our last issue!

### Got prizes next time?

Oh yes, we have nice prizes for the next contingent of skeleton hunters. No early rising, no rubber boots and hats with ear-flaps...no long trips

of his CDs - *Scotland Remembers the Alamo*.

We have a special treat just in time for the holidays...as Jim Walters at the Caledonian Kitchen is sending a package of Caledonian Kitchen's premium quality haggis to one of our skeleton hunters!

Edith Wagner at *Reunions Magazine* will have ten subscriptions to her interesting and useful publication as well!

And, we'll put together a nice box of Celtic goodies from German Hill Farms as well!

So, get lookin'! You just might win a nice prize. And, your feet won't get muddy in the hunting!

### Why hunt a skeleton?

We hunt our skeleton "in the closet" here...so we'll just get over worrying about it. Everybody, except a Mrs. MacLeod who wrote to me assuring me that she did not have skeletons, has skeletons in their family closets.

Do the math. By the time you go back only about 20 generations, you'll have over one million four hundred something more or less families to whom you are directly kin. It's simply not possible, except in the case of Mrs. MacLeod, for all of those folks to be lace-encrusted aristocrats.

Genealogists simply don't worry about things like this. In

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Happy Halloween from our "fancy lady," Narra The Wonder Cat. You'll notice Narra, *The Family Tree* proofreader and computer repair cat, is wearing a lovely feather boa complete with matching chapeau trimmed with sparkledy things and more feathers for her Halloween Trick or Treating!

When the photographs were taken, Narra decided the feather boa might "eat cats" and, with her very sharp claws, made many tiny bits of feather all over the house. This costume will be remembered for a long, long time.

Charles Randolph Bruce

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Charles Randolph Bruce, from Virginia Beach, Virginia and one of the coauthors (along with his wife, Carolyn Hale Bruce) of *Chronicles of Robert de Brus: King of Scots - Rebel King, Book One - Hammer of The Scots...* and the artist for that book as well...is also a cartoonist of great talent! He sent us the skeleton cartoon to the left for this issue! Thanks!!!



## Personals! Yes, we have personals!

It's been such fun working with Alastair McIntyre on making our *Family Tree* presence on the Internet the best we can make it!

One need we found is that life simply does not wait for *Family Tree* deadlines.

So often something - sad events such as death, an illness, an accident, an emergency - or happy news like weddings and engagements and births - these things happen "between issues" of the paper. That means it is two months before we can tell everyone and let everyone know of what is happening in your life. Many times, we would have "done something" had we only known in time.

So, we've added a "Personal" category to the Internet edition of *The Family Tree*.

With this addition, we can get the news to our "family" of readers immediately. You will be in time to make a phone call, send a card, send flowers...visit...or just hold someone and their family in your heart and prayers.

Please call me if you don't have Internet access: 229-985-6540 and let me know your news. You may fax us at 229-985-0936. You may send your news directly to <alastair@electricscotland.com> and just ask to be added to "The Personals".

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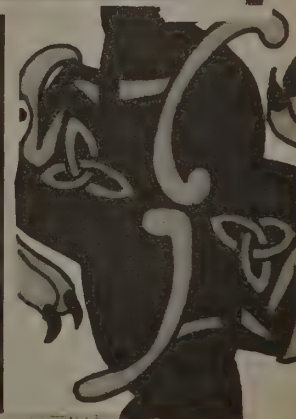
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scallop shells, and other types  
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In the Middle Ages, Chris-  
tians wore the scallop shell to  
indicate that they had made a  
pilgrimage to the shrine of St.  
James of Compostella in Spain."

You will also learn that plac-  
ing a shell on a gravestone  
when visiting the site is an an-  
cient custom and may in fact  
have several different mean-  
ings depending on the cultural  
background of the people plac-  
ing the shells.

The idea of crossing over  
a body of water to the prom-  
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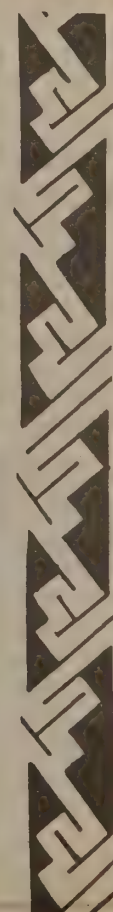
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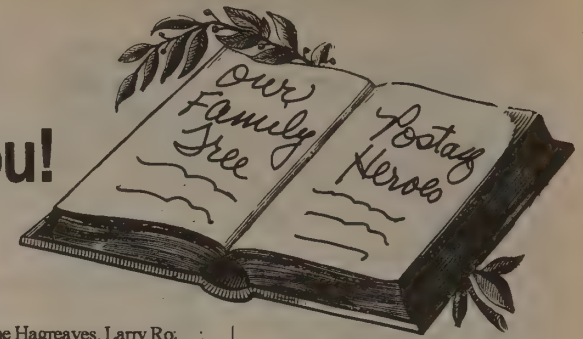
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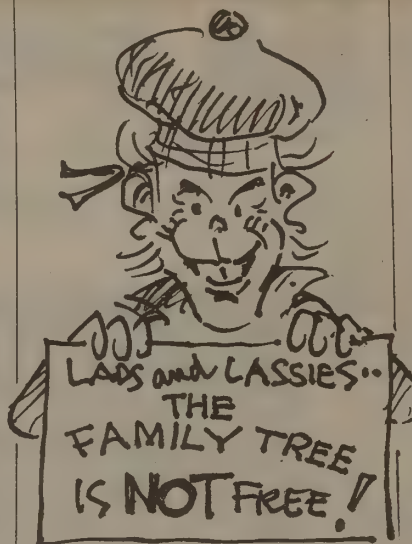
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The Odom Library is pleased that Margaret "Peggy" Moore Fritz Baker of Baldwin City, Kansas has donated the Goodhue family Bible from her great-grandmother, Sarah Goodhue Blair (who married George Washington Blair) of Peterborough, New Hampshire. This branch is the family line in Baker's family longest on US soil, having come to Ipswich, Massachusetts in 1636. One branch had a daughter who married Calvin Coolidge. (They had no children, so that line ended there.)

Mrs. Baker also donated the family Bible from the Dunbar family, another branch of the Moore family of Peterborough, New Hampshire. This branch moved out west to central Illinois in the 1830s, eventually farming in Bureau County. Aaron Dunbar was very proud of his service in the Union Army. He had two daughters and a son.

The eldest daughter taught English at Elgin Academy in Elgin, Illinois and married a nontraditional student, Charles Davis. Mrs. Baker's family lived in Elgin from 1937-1965 and they visited Pearl and Charles often.

The Odom Library is delighted to have these precious family Bibles in their collection where they will be kept safe

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### Newsflash! More Super Postage Heroes!

Arriving just before the paper went to press, we must recognize and thank Genevieve S. Bell of Bethesda, Maryland and Michael A. Maddox of Lorton, Virginia for their most generous and kind Super Postage Hero contributions!

Thank you!

## A letter from your editor...



Beth Gay, DCTJ, FSA Scot, Editor *The Family Tree*



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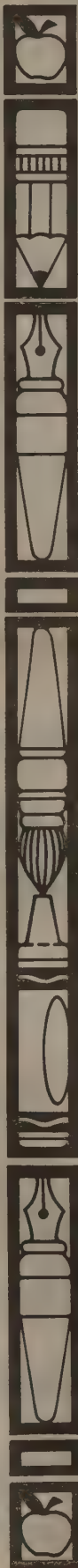
Benjamin Franklin, May 1738.



### Anyone interested in a Spence Tartan?

If anyone of the members of my extended Spence family might be interested, I am planning on putting together an order for the Spence Tartan. It will be in 14 oz. weight, 60" width material and at present would run \$48.00 yd. If enough people are interested and the quantity goes over 60 yds., the cost would come down to roughly \$40 yd.

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Were it not for our most generous *Family Tree* readers, we would have long ago sunk into financial oblivion. However, "the experts" who keep predicting our doom just do not know the extent of the kindness and generosity of our readers.

When folks hear that it takes over \$200,000 a year to print and mail this publication and they look at this very ordinary, hair-turning-gray-white editor...they say, "And it's YOU who has to raise all of this money?" I can always read their minds. These folks are thinking, "Not in a million years, honey."

They do not take into account my secret weapon in the war against financial ruin. **The secret weapon is YOU!** There is not enough paper in the world for me to adequately thank you all for the things you have done for *The Family Tree* over the last 13 years! Thanks to you, we're still here.

If you're ever in Moultrie and if you have time, please stop by my office and help me open the mail! You can join in the cheering and quiet, "Wow's!" that happen during this process. Every single day is a Christmas or birthday for *The Family Tree* - thanks to you.

The bad part of all of this is we never get to relax. When we survive printing and mailing an issue...just two months later, we have to do it all over again.

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Our **Super Postage Hero** list this time is long, thank goodness! We appreciate most generous contributions from James and Donna Anderson of Lilburn, Georgia; Alan B. MacIntyre of Chapel Hill, North Carolina; John F. MacDonald of Teaticket, Massachusetts; Jerry and Patty Huber of Jacksonville, Florida; Denise Mills of Lowell, Massachusetts; Buck Buchanan of The Clan Buchanan Society, International; Claire S. Schmidt of Lakeland, Florida; The Scottish Heritage Society of Rochester, New York; J.W. & Leona Nichols of Odessa, Texas; Bob & Anne Armstrong of Knoxville, Tennessee; Ruth E. Pringle of Allen, Texas; Dr. Courtney McKay Stevens; and Ms. Roxanne Rouanet of Horsham, Pennsylvania.

We had a marvelous matching-funds gift from Mr. John M. Poythress! **Super Postage Hero!**

Our **Super-Dooper Postage Heroes** this time include The Moultrie High School Class of 1947 which held its 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion in Moultrie recently. They sent us "a little money left in the fund." To us, it was a lot of money! Thank you!

**Super-Dooper Postage Heroes** also include Nancy Woods of Dalhart, Texas; Ruby B. Hicks of Phoenix, Arizona and my wonderful "traveling-buddy" friend, Mr. John D. Pringle of Puyallup, Washington. Dr. Paul & Jean Henson, also "traveling buddies" and great friends of Dalton, Georgia have gone "above and beyond" one more time! Thank you to Dan Jones of LaGrange, Georgia. Thank you all!


The Clan Montgomery Society, International has entered the ranks of **Super, Super-Dooper Postage Heroes!** We appreciate their most kind and unbelievably generous check sent to us by Mr. Robert D. Montgomery, Treasurer, of Southfield, Michigan.

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We must also thank our Internet Editor, **Alastair McIntyre**, of Grangemouth, Scotland. Alastair, most kindly donated his fees for the first issue up on <<http://electricScotland.com>> so that we could have a scanner and software and OCR software at the office!

The Scots in particular and Family Tree readers in general...the most wonderful folks anywhere!

Those of you that know me, know that I love to laugh and to joke and I've even been known to cut up upon occasion! However, I am as serious as I can be when I thank each and every person who helps keep *The Family Tree* in existence.

Thank you. *Beth* 

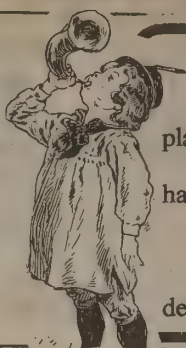


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He was married 3 times in the endowment house and has 21 children.

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## The Ancestry of Chamberlin and Grant

By June G. Henderson

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For in-depth study of this field, visit <http://molecular-genealogy.byu.edu/genealogy.htm>.

Thanks to the *West Florida Genealogical Society Newsletter*, PO Box 947, Pensacola, FL 32594.

## What's new on the Web?

A National Directory of Morticians with a free search engine is available at <http://www.funeral-dir.com/online/search.asp>. Enter the town and state for a list of local funeral homes, along with contact information.

Thanks to *Questing Heirs*, PO Box 15102, Long Beach, CA 90815-0105.

### Of course you don't have any Black Sheep in your family, but just in case....

Here are a few site that might help you. U.S. Criminal Records <http://www.crimetime.com/bbocrime.htm>.

The International Black Sheep Society of Genealogists (IBSSG) <http://blacksheep.rootsweb.com/>.

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# Ulster Roots....



## Why Did They Come to America?

Richard K. MacMaster

What led people to leave their homes and risk a long voyage across the Atlantic? The story is different for every emigrant. But for many who came from Ulster in the eighteenth century, as for many who come to our shores today, it was the hope of a better future for their children. They saw the Colonies as a promised land.

Given the large numbers who left Ulster and the small geographical area of the province, it is a reasonable guess that nearly everyone knew or knew of someone who had gone to America. When a letter from one of their old neighbors arrived in Ireland, it was quickly passed around among relatives and friends. Eighteenth-century emigrant letters invariably told about the high wages and low price of land in North America and the great crops raised there. Quite a few wrote home, however, to warn against coming to the Colonies without money or a skilled trade.

In some cases, merchants or shipowners arranged to have letters published in the *Belfast News Letter* or one of the Dublin papers or they paid to have the letter printed as a handbill and distributed around the country. Sometimes the printed letter found its way back to America in the hands of a newly-arrived immigrant.

It was in this way that a letter from James Murray to his Presbyterian pastor came to the attention of the editor of the *Williamsburg Virginia Gazette*, who introduced it with these words.

"The following Letter is said to have been sent from a Person settled in New-York, to his Countrymen, to encourage them to come over thither; which, that it might have the better Effect on the People, was printed and dispers'd in Ireland. A Copy of which being brought over, in one of the late Ships, We present our Readers with it." (*Virginia Gazette*, October 7, 1737.)

Although the printed letter came originally on one of the immigrant ships arriving at Newcastle and Philadelphia that summer, Ben Franklin reprinted it in his *Pennsylvania Gazette* a month later from the Virginia paper. (*Pennsylvania Gazette*, November 3, 1737.)

Murray sent his letter to the Rev. Baptist Boyd, Presbyterian minister at Aughelow, near Aughnacloy, County Tyrone. He told his pastor: "Read this Letter, and look; and tell aw the poor Folk of your Place, that God has open'd a Door for their Deliverance; for here i

His reasons for encouraging emigration are not just that no one goes hungry, but that there are no landlords or tithe collectors to take away what the poor man has raised. "for here aw that a Man warks for is his ane, there are ne ravenus Hunds to rive it fre us here, ne sick Word as Herbingers is kend here, but every yen enjoys his ane, there is ne yen to tak awa yer Corn, yer Potatoes, yer Lint or Eggs."

I trust *Family Tree* readers will be able to understand Murray's use of the Scots language. His letter is unusual in that it is written in Ulster Scots rather than in standard English as are most business and personal letters surviving from that time. For that reason, Murray's letter has attracted a good deal of scholarly attention. As long ago as 1925 Earl Gregg Swem of the Virginia State Library published it with his notes and just last year Michael Montgomery reproduced the text in his essay "On the Trail of Early Ulster Immigrant Letters" (in Patrick Fitzgerald and Steve Ickringill, *Atlantic Crossroads: Historical Connections between Scotland, Ulster and North America* (Newtownards, Co. Down: Colourpoint Books, 2001).

One of the first questions scholars asked was whether it was a real letter. Newspapers sometimes printed "letters"

written in dialect or colloquial speech to make a point or as an attempt at humor. Jonathan Swift, for instance, published a "letter" from a fisherman in the Ards peninsula telling about his supposed visit to the Dublin Cathedral. But an essay by Dean Swift or someone like him would not tell us what a Scotch-Irish settler thought about his new home, even if the real author pretended to be such a settler.

Too many small details ring true for this letter to be the work of a newspaper essayist in Virginia or an editor in Dublin. I'm convinced James Murray was a real person, anxious to bring his family to the new land that he found so full of promise.

James Murray wrote that he had found employment as clerk of the Presbyterian congregation at "York Meeting House," now First Presbyterian Church in New York City, and as a schoolmaster there. He urged his old pastor and other friends to write him in care of "Mr. John Pemberton, Minister of the Gospel in New-York." But in 1737 there was no Presbyterian minister named John Pemberton in New York or elsewhere in the Colonies. Was the letter a hoax? No, because the Rev. Ebenezer Pemberton served the First Presbyterian Church in New York in 1737. A careless typesetter in Ireland might have read Eben. as John.

There are other clues that this is a real letter. Murray suggested he might be coming home before long as he had made other contacts in New York. An attorney in the city who traded to Ireland offered to send him with a cargo as his agent. "I think to gang there as Factor for a Gentleman of this City of York, he is my Relation by my Father, he is Returney of the Law here." He was not a close relative, not an uncle, but just "a Relation by my Father." There were only seven lawyers in New York City in 1737, three were Scots and one came from

Ireland. The Irish-born attorney was Joseph Murray. He was the most-successful and wealthiest member of the New York bar and had various other business interests, just the sort of "Relation" a newly-arrived immigrant would want to claim. Joseph was the son of Thomas Murray of Queen's County, Ireland, but could well have been related to Murrays in County Armagh.

James Murray was particularly interested in getting word to his brother-in-law to come to New York with his family. "Desire James Gibson to sell aw he has and come, and I weel help him too." He asked Reverend Boyd "to send this Letter to James Broon, of Drum-ern, and he kens my Brether James Gibson, and he weel gie him this Letter." There is no townland anywhere in Ireland called "Drumern," but there is a Drumarn, a townland of 81 acres in the Parish of Clonfeacle, Co. Armagh. It lies just east of Aughnacloy and west of the cathedral town of Armagh. If James Brown lived at Drumarn, it would be easy for the minister to get a letter to him.

The nearness of Armagh to Murray's friends and relations makes it clear why he used it to estimate the size of New York: "this York is as big as twa of Armagh."

What did Murray write about his American experience to encourage others to follow him to New York?

First of all, there were job opportunities. Educated young men, like Reverend Baptist Boyd's sons, could earn a hundred pounds a year teaching a Latin school. Murray himself had twenty pounds a year as clerk of the Presbyterian church. "Trades are aw gud here, a Wabster gets 12 Pence a Yeard, a Labourer gets 4 Shillings and 6 Pence a Day, a Lass gets 4 Shillings and 6 Pence a Week for spinning on the wee Wheel, a Carpenter gets 6 Shillings a Day, and a Tailor gets 20 Shillings for making a Suit of Cleaths."

He urged any tradesmen who came to bring their tools with them and anyone crossing the ocean needed to be well-supplied. "Now I beg of ye aw to come our here, and bring our wee ye aw the Cleaths ye can of every Sort, beth o' Linen and Woollen, and Guns, and Pooder, and Shot, and aw Sorts of Weers that is made of Iron and Steel, and aw Trades-men that comes here, let them bring their Tools wee them, and Farmers their Plough Erons."

Murray himself aimed at a life in town, as clerk and school teacher now, perhaps as a merchant later, but he promised farmers would find good land in America. "this is a bonny Country, and aw Things grow here that ever I did see grow in Ereland." He added that "Rye grows here, and Oats, and Wheet, and Winter Barley, and Summer Barley; Buck Wheet grows here, na every Thing grows here." He urged would-be emigrants to "fetch aw Sorts of garden seeds, Parsneps, Onions, and Carrots; and Potatoes grows here very big, red and white beth." They should "fetch a Spade, wee a Hoe made like a stubbing Ax, for ye may clear as muckle Grund for to plant Indian Corn, in ane Month, as will maintain Ten Folk for a Year."

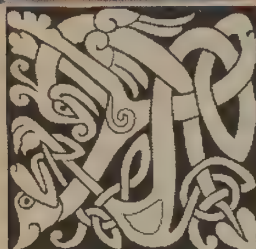
Land itself was cheap. "Ye may get Lan here for 10 [pounds] a hundred Acres forever, and Ten Years Time tell ye get the Money, before they wull ask ye for it; and it is within forty Miles of this York [New York City] upon a River Side, that this Lan lies, as that ye may carry aw the Guds in Boat to this York to sell, if ony of you comes here. It is a very strong Lan, rich Grund, plenty of aw Sorts of Fruits in it, and Swin plenty enough." Murray did not specify further where this land was located. Forty miles up the Hudson from Manhattan all the land had been granted in manors, so he would

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Members of the Seven Pipers Pipe Band and Highland Dancers from Tucson, Arizona, USA, in Scotland for the Auchtermuchty Music Festival during August of 2002. Thanks to Jennifer Blair for the photograph.



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## Let's do a Scottish Shortbread and Other Tasty Treats Cookbook...



Last week at the Oak Mountain Highland Games near Pelham, Alabama, I was sampling some delicious shortbread...and the chef was telling me about his unique recipes...and I had an idea!

Why not have our *Family Tree* readers send us their favorite shortbread recipes...and other favorite Scottish treat recipe? And when folks submit their recipes...send along a batch of the goodies for Scottish Weekend 2003.

If we work this out so that folks will send us shortbread during December and January and February...and if they will send their culinary masterpieces in airtight tins...we can serve all of the mouth-watering goodies at Scottish Weekend!

Thinking more about it on the way home, I thought, "Wouldn't it be fun if everyone would design their own page?" This could be very easy. Just write your recipe...put your photograph or other favorite photo of things Scottish...or a design you draw or have your grandbaby draw...or a copy of the recipe in your grandmother's handwriting (COPIES, please!). Make your page the size of the border around this article...and we're in business! We'll even be able to do some in color...so, if your page just cries out for color...we can do it.

The folks at Caberdance - creators of MacBubba - are going to design our cookbook covers for us - and we'll have Caberdance coupons in the cookbook, too!

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Otherwise, we'll make them available for a reasonable price (We're still figuring and scratching our heads on this part.)

So if you think this will be fun...get started now! We need recipe pages and batches by 1 February 2003, please or sooner as long as the treats will keep.

Mail them to Tasty Treats, Odom Library, PO Box 2828, Moultrie GA 31776-2828. You may also use FedEx or UPS at 204 5th St. SE, Moultrie, GA 31768.

## Genes link the Celts to Basques

The Welsh and Celts have been found to be the genetic blood brothers of Basques, scientists have revealed. The gene patterns of the three races passed down through the male line are all "strikingly similar," researchers concluded.

The Basque region, to refresh your memory includes the four Spanish provinces of Vizcaya, Guipuzcoa, Alava, and Navarra, as well as the three former French provinces of Labourd, Basse-Navarre, and Soule (now officially incorporated into the French department of Pyrenees-Atlantique).

Basques can trace their roots back to the Stone Age and are one of Europe's most distinct people, fiercely proud of their ancestry and traditions. The research adds to previous studies that have suggested a possible link between the Celts and Basques, dating back tens of thousands of years.

"The projects started with our trying to assess whether the Vikings made an important genetic contribution to the population of Orkney," a professor from the University College London (UCL) said recently.

He and his colleagues looked at Y-chromosomes, passed from father to son, of Celtic and Norwegian populations. They found them to be quite different. "But we also noticed that there's something quite striking about the Celtic populations, and that is that there's not a lot of genetic variation on the y-chromosome," he said.

To try to work out where the Celtic population originally

came from the team from UCL, the University of Oxford and the University of California at Davis also looked at Basques. On the y-chromosome the Celtic populations turn out to be statistically indistinguishable from Basques.

The Comparison was made because Basques are thought by most experts to be very similar to the people who lived in Europe before the advent of farming.

They took samples from 88 individuals from Anglesey,

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**Where are the Cajuns?**

According to a survey of 700,000 homes in the federal census for the 2000, there are fewer than 80,000 people nationwide who say they are of Cajun ancestry, and about 42,000 of them are in Louisiana.

Carl Brasseaux, professor of Cajun studies at the University of Louisiana-Lafayette questions the findings and states, "There are more than 42,000 Cajuns in Lafayette alone." He concludes in a recent study that there are more than 100,000 Cajuns in Texas, the state with the second largest Cajun population behind the 500,000-700,000 Cajuns he figures are in Louisiana.

The long form of the census in 1990 shows that there were nearly 525,000 people of French descent in Louisiana. This was more than any other state, with California second. There were also an estimated 104,000 people of French-Canadian descent, which placed Louisiana fifth in that category.

Brasseaux said that while the census survey's numbers might be low, it seems to have had some success in tracking the migration of Cajuns across the country. As suspected, Louisiana has the largest Cajun population, followed by Texas and California. Among the ten state with the most Cajuns were Florida, North Carolina, Georgia, New Jersey and Ohio.

Many Cajuns migrated to Orlando, Florida, and Charlotte, North Carolina, cities which were booming at the time of Louisiana's oil bust.

**The Florida Memory Project has Spanish Land Grants on-line!**

The Florida Memory Project has begun putting on-line their collection of confirmed Spanish land grants at <http://www.floridamemory.com/Collections/SpanishLandGrants/>.

This is nowhere near complete - only letters A and B are done. (The front page of the site says that Acosta, Domingo through Bayley, David are available.

Thanks to the *West Florida Genealogical Society Newsletter*, PO Box 947, Pensacola, FL 32591-0947.

**Yes, there is much information about Indians in the American Civil War...**

**Military service records of Indians during the Civil War**

Jus as other veterans of the Civil War did, Indian veterans and/or their heirs also made claims for arrears in pay, pensions and boundary lands. Records concerning these

claims include a list of claimants, 1865-1872; a register of admitted pension claims based on death or injury, 1873-1875; a register of claims for bounties and backpay, 1869-1890; and a ledger of accounts of E. B. Stover, a legal guardian

for several minor heirs of deceased members of the 9th Kansas Cavalry, 1869-1870.

Applications for pensions are in Record Group 15 at the National Archives. Claims for bounties and backpay that was settled by the Second Auditor of

the Treasury Department are in Records of the U.S. General Accounting Office, Records group 217.

Thanks to *Guide to Records in the National Archives of the U.S. Relating to American Indians*.

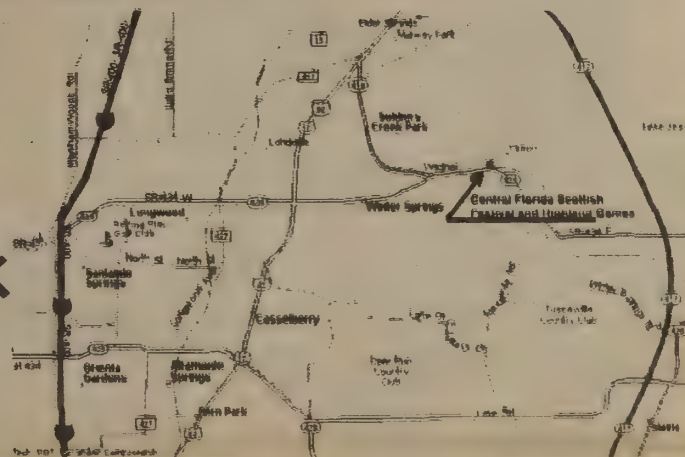
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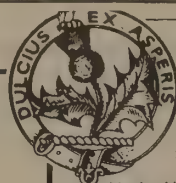
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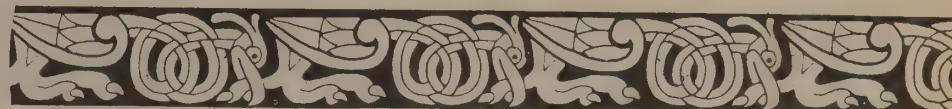
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# Flowers of the Forest



Clan Armstrong Registrar and Secretary, **Betty Armstrong**, died in a car accident just before Christmas. Her death is a terrible loss - to her dear family and to the Armstrong Trust.

SAMS and Post 1921 note the passing of member **Herbert McDonald**.

SAMS and Post 1812 note the passing of member **William L. Biggart, Jr.** on March 21, 2002. William was a Navy Chief Photographers Mate during W.W. II in the Pacific, and served in the Navy Reserve until 1952.

**Donald T. MacClellan, Jr.**, past president of Clan MacLellan, passed away unexpectedly August 6, 2002 in Gainesville, FL at the age of 69.

Prior to becoming president, he served Clan MacLellan in several capacities.

Donald earned his bachelors degree in chemical engineering from the University of Florida and his Master's degree in Theology from Lexington (KY) Theological Seminary.

He was a veteran of the Korean conflict.

After retiring as a chemical engineer from Columbia Gas Company in Lexington, KY, he returned to Putnam County, Florida, the home of four generations of his family.

Our condolences to his widow, Bess, his son, Marshall Edward MacClellan, his daughters Deborah Kay Powell and Brenda G. Jones, and his siblings and grandchildren.

It is sad to note the passing of **Bob Douglass**, Clan Douglas member of Huntsville, Alabama. Bob and his wife, Ginny were active for many years with the North Alabama Highland Games in Huntsville.

Also noted is Bob's contribution of pictures and commentary to the Clan Douglas publication, *A Guide to Douglas Land* - marks In Scotland by Lt. Col. Gawain Douglas, Bob's photos captured the area around Teba, Spain where The Good Sir James, The Black

Douglas fell in battle with the Moors while carrying The Heart of Bruce on its way to The Holy Land.

**John W. Jardine**, age 81, and a longtime member of Clan Macpherson Association, died Monday, April 29, 2002, at Bayfront Medical Center in St. Petersburg, Florida. He was born in Quincy, Massachusetts and moved to Florida in 1939. He was a retired design engineer for E. B. Badger in Tampa. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of St. Petersburg and a member of Masonic Lodge F&AM, Scottish Rite Temple and Egypt Shrine Temple. He was also a volunteer at Northside Hospital and Heart Institute.

His survivors include his wife of 58 years, Mary Jo; a daughter, Susanne Stubblefield of St. Petersburg; and two sons, Phil of Mustang, Oklahoma and Andy of St. Louis, Missouri. The family has suggested memorial contributions to the American Heart Association.

**Elwood F. (Woody) McGrew** died on June 3, 2002 in Salem, Oregon at the age of 87. He was a charter member of the Oregon Scottish Society, and also a member of Clan Gregor of Scotland and the Pacific Northwest and of the High Desert Celtic Society.

Mr. McGrew served in the U.S. Navy SeaBee's, assigned to the British Isles, during WWII. He later served as pastor of the Smokey Valley Bible Church in Kentucky under the Rural Gospel Association. He attended Appalachia Bible Institute.

In 1935 he married Vale Vandivier. She passed away in 1988. They are survived by their children: Kathleen McGrew, Alan McGrew, Douglas McGrew, M'lissa McGrew-Waskom, and Harland McGrew Hicks. Mr. McGrew had 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Other organizations in which he was deeply involved included AmVets, the Christian Children's Fund, and the Knox Butte Flying Club. He made his last parachute

jump at the age of 76.

**Charles Monroe Binford**, born April 22, 1964 died June 1, 2002. When Charles was born in Memphis, Tennessee, his parents and older brother Joe called him "Charlie". When he was two, he and his family moved to Dallas, Texas. Through out his life, Charles was optimistic, outgoing, and a stranger to no one.

He had many talents. He loved playing soccer, tennis and basketball with his friends. He and Joe were on the same soccer team, and were known as the "dynamic duo". He was very musical and played the cello, drums, and piano.

When he was 15, Charles earned his Eagle Scout award from Boy Scout Troop 82 in Highland Park. He was a 1983 graduate of Hillcrest High School in Dallas. He attended Stephen F. Austin College in Nacogdoches, Texas.

Charles had a strong faith in God. He loved his family and church family. He was a member of the Atlanta Church of Christ, where he taught Sunday School, sang in the choir, and opened the doors at week-night zone meetings. He never missed his daily Bible Study with church brothers. He was a true disciple for Christ by sharing his faith with others.

He enjoyed helping. He was among a group honored by the Governor of Georgia at the State Capitol for raising thousands of dollars for the Hope for Kids Foundation.

He will be missed by his friends and family.

**Dewey R. Carmichael**, age 72, of Starkville, Mississippi died Saturday, April 6, 2002 at the Okibbeha County Hospital in Mississippi. He attended Meridian Junior College and the University of Southern Mississippi and served more than twelve years in the U.S. Marine Corps. He was recalled to active duty in 1950 during the Korean Conflict.

Mr. Carmichael was a member of the Emmanuel Baptist Church, the Third Marine Division Association, was a Master Mason

**Mr. Joseph U. N. Debuque**, 85, of Beed Ave., CMA Member #306, died Saturday April 20, 2002, at his home after a lengthy illness. He was the husband of the late Inez M. (Nodding) Dubuque, with whom he spent 62 years of marriage.

Born in Saskatchewan, Canada, he was the son of the late Ulrick and Edith (Legasse) Dubuque. He was a graduate of Lynn Classic High School, class of 1935.

He was employed at the *Daily Evening Item* as a printer and a proofreader, retiring in 1979.

He was an active member of the Lynn Historical Society and the New England Genealogical Society. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Franco American Genealogical Society, St. Vincent de Paul Society, St. Jean's Church and St. Jean's Church Choir.

He was also the former secretary and treasurer of the Typographical Union.

Mr. Dubuque leaves two sons, three daughters.



Our heartfelt condolences to Joe Snyder on the passing of his wife, **Kathie Bryant-Snyder** on the twelfth of March, 2002. Kathie was very active in the Scottish Community, serving on organizing committees for National Tartan Day and the Alexandria Heritage Fair. Her quick, cheerful smile and willingness to serve will be greatly missed.

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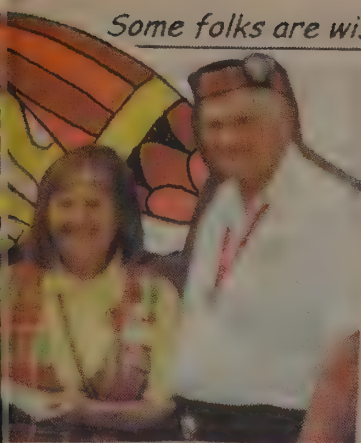
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From Cahors and Pau, France. Born 1737 **LOUIS CAZES**. Seek ancestry **JACQUES CAZES** and **MARGUERITE COMEAUX**. Contact: **Richard Morrissey, 28656 Murrieta, Sun City, CA 92586.**

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Searching for information on my great-great grandmother **JESSIE JOHNSON PRIESTLEY** who married **ALEXANDER PETER ROSS STEWART**. One daughter **JESSIE ANN STEWART** who was born in Aberdeen, Scotland, March 27, 1878 and married **MICHAEL V. BRENNAN** on June 23, 1897 in the USA. **Bre n n a n , <ecurbbb@hotmail.com>.**

I'm descended from a **WILLIAM WALLIS** b. 1777, NC. In 1810 census he was in Madison Co. KY; 1820 Rutherford Co., TN; and 1830, 1840 and 1850 Hall and Forsyth Co., GA. His oldest son **LUTHER WALLIS** was born 1795 in SC. They are always living around or close to the descendants of **PETER WALLIS** b. 1680 Highlands of Scotland, and **ELIZABETH WOODS** born 1682-84, Meath, Ireland. Also **JOHN H. MORGAN** b. 1835, GA and **MARY ANN PATERSON** b. 1834, GA. **JOHN MORGAN** is a descendant of **MARK MORGAN** b. 1811 ca. NC or SC son of **DANIEL MORGAN**. **MARY ANN PATERSON** daughter of **WILLIAM PATTERSON** and **MARTHA WELCH** both born SC. Any information is appreciated. **Darrell D. Nunez, 303 Winnona St., Natchitoches, LA 71457.**

**ROBERT ROBERTSON**, born in NC, c1833, died in Colorado 8 April, 1905. Can anyone tell me if **ROBERT** and his parents might have been born in the Cape Fear area of NC? Any thoughts of how and where I might find any information of my grandfather **ROBERT ROBERTSON** Thank you. **Mabel I. Robison, 2235 Juntura Ct. S., Salem, Oregon, 97302-2222.**

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Seek info/proof parents **MARY SHAW AYRES**, b. 4 Feb. 1805 Cumberland County, NC, w. **REV WILLIAM AYERS**, b. 17 Aug 1798. Believe parents **DANIEL (LIEUTENANT?) SHAW** and **MARY McALPINE SHAW**. **MURDOCK, KATHERINE** sibs of **MARY**. Reply to: **Euzelia Allen Boyd, 511 Norwood Street, Spartanburg, SC 29302.**

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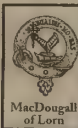
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His Grace and his wife, the Duchess of Montrose, will be visiting North America and the Society is proud to welcome both of them to Atlanta, Georgia.

His Grace was born in Rhodesia in 1935 where his father, then the Marquis of Graham, went to establish his career independent of the social ladder that operated in the United Kingdom at the time.

The Marquis and his wife were carving a farm out of the African bush. In an effort to escape the attentions of the mosquitoes, the family's first home was two round mud huts situated on a kopje (hillock). It turned out that the situation was

not really suitable for young children. After some illness, the Duke and his sister were returned to Great Britain.

The Marquis had attained the rank of Lieutenant in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve. At the outbreak of the Second World War he joined the Royal Navy and entrusted his farm to a manager. He saw action in the battle of the Mediterranean and duties on the Russian convoy patrols.

His Grace attended two boarding schools. The first had been evacuated to Aberdeenshire for the duration of the war and the second was Loretto School near Edinburgh. The school emphasized a physically tough and Spartan regime, but it also enabled him to learn piping and highland dancing. The former activity has now been passed on to his two sons.

After leaving school, he traveled widely as a volunteer working. He visited many countries where he took a special interest in the effort of many of the young countries that were trying to establish their independence and democracy. This was part of various initiatives coordinated by MRA (Moral Re-Armament).

In 1962 he returned to Scotland to oversee some of the family farms and estates. He was finally given full responsibility in 1984. He has been active for many years in his local branch of the Scottish National Farmers Union including serving nine years on the National Council. In 1997 he was President of the Royal Highland and Agricultural

Society and has many rural interests.

In 1970 he married a Canadian of Scottish descent, Catherine Young, whose father founded Ravenscourt School in Winnipeg and was one of those killed in the Dieppe Raid of 1942. They have a daughter and two sons - Hermione, James, and Ronald.

Hermione is now married, has twins, and will graduate this summer with a Doctor of Psychology degree.

James, the present Marquis of Graham, has spent the last three years promoting renewable energy and antipollution measures in China. He speaks Mandarin fluently.

Ronald is completing studies for his bar exams.

After the death of his father in 1992, His Grace took his seat in the House of Lords and participated in the debates on Scottish devolution and the reform of the House of Lords.

In 1999 he was the only Duke (the highest order in the British peerage, outranked only by a Royal Duke or a Prince) elected to remain in the interim House along with ninety-two other hereditary peers. He is currently the opposition spokesman on Scottish affairs with a backup role on farming, fishing, forestry, and the environment.

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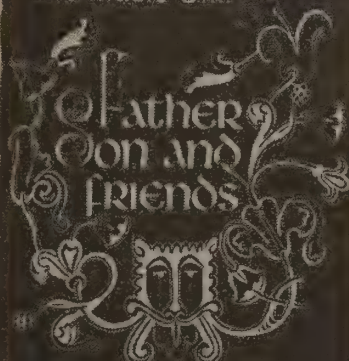
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## Lowland Scots

## The other 70%

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The following is an excerpt from a journal that I kept on my visit to Scotland two years ago in August.

The land in the lowlands of southeastern Scotland called the southern uplands is a light emerald green with gently rolling hills. Hence the words "the rolling hills of the border"?

There are many sheep and cattle here, probably many of them originally English (see below regarding the border reivers). The wool of the sheep is much better quality than that in the north of Scotland.

This area also used to be a popular area for raising and training race horses.

Castles dot the landscape. One of them is in Peebles, Scotland which is almost due south of Edinburgh on the River Tweed - Neidpath (pronounced Needpath) Castle.

The castle is made of limestone which was probably from right there in Peebleshire since it was once quarried there. Sandstone, also found in that area, was used around the doors and windows. Wood was used for some of the apertures and, of course, for inside floors, etc.

Neidpath Castle sits on a small hill with the land behind it dropping steeply off to the shallow waters of the Tweed. It has a clear view all around it and of a hill several miles away where a beacon could be seen quite easily.

It was through the use of beacons that the Scots communicated across the miles. One of these beacons can be seen at the castle.

The land that it sits on originally belonged to the Frasers, before they moved into the Highlands, from the late 1100s to the early 1300s. They were of Norman origin and had come into the lowlands from France.

Their coat of arms still has the strawberry flower in it.

In French strawberry is fraise. This is very likely where the name Fraser originated.

The last lowland Fraser heir was Mary who married into Clan Hay. It was this clan who built Niedpath Castle in the late 1300s. It was built in a tower formation (which was easier to defend) and is in the shape of an "L".

Its lords ruled approximately ten to twenty miles around it.

The English attacked and were defeated nearby by Symon Fraser.

This castle held out against Cromwell longer than any other castle south of the Firth of Forth which cuts into the eastern coast of Scotland.

These Hays became the Lords of Yester and then the Earls of Tweedale.

Can you see now why it is so difficult to keep Clan heritage straight?

It gets even more tangled. The castle eventually was sold to a Douglas in the late 1600s and the younger son, the Earl of March who later became the Duke of Queensberry lived there. (And I've not named all of the heritage line). It then passed on in the early 1800s to the Wemyss family.

Mary, Queen of Scots, stayed at this castle on one of her visits to administer justice to her unruly border families. Episodes of her life are depicted in Batik wall hangings. Batiks are a combination of wax and colors used to create pictures.

And speaking of border families. Border reivers (thieves) were much like a private army. They dressed much like soldiers in helmets and carrying pike-like weapons. They made others pay a "toll" to move their black cattle through certain areas of the lowlands, especially through or across

water. This is where the term blackmail originated.

The castle is quite intact except for one corner. There are privies which are nothing more than angular holes set in a small alcove. The hole opens out into the wide open spaces along the castle wall, giving new meaning to 'look out below'.

There is a 21 foot deep well on the lowest level.

All along the tight circling stairway to the top of the castle are tiny alcove-type rooms.

I did not get an explanation of them so explain it to myself as either a place for someone to allow another to pass on the stairway or perhaps even to fight with one's back against the wall.

When you walk through the castle there are 2 vaults. There used to be 3. The upper vault has been removed and replaced with a regular roof. The other vaults have been split into separate floors.

There is a prison in the bottom of the castle with a 21-foot well. One of the walls has a space that you can walk through into the prison, but originally the space was not there and this area without windows would have been pitch black.

The Hays were the last to keep prisoners there. It was also at one time used as a wine cellar.

There are mason's marks throughout the castle. A modern day mason would still recognize these symbols.

Neidpath is just one of many castles in the lowlands.

As I mentioned in a previous column the lowlands and the borders were Scotland's first line of defense for attacks from England. It is one of the more preserved castles and for a small fee you can roam about the inside and the grounds where Mary, Queen of Scots walked and lived for a period and where Wordsworth visited and wrote a sonnet about it.

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be talking about becoming tenants under a long-term renewable lease there. But he could be thinking of a tract in New Jersey or on Long Island where land would still be available for purchase.

He advised his friends to bring "Hatchets, and Augers, and Axes, and Spades, and Shovels, and Bibles, and Hammers, and Psalm Bukes, and Pots." Emigrants should take a stock of provisions with them. "Let aw that comes here put in a good Store of Otes Meel, and Butter, and Brandy, and Cheese, and Vinegar, but

above aw have a Writing under the Han of the Capden of the Ship ye come in." This last was presumably a receipt for the passage money, since an unscrupulous ship's captain might claim his passengers had never paid him and sell them as indentured servants.

Whatever the perils of the voyage, Ulster people would find a better life in the Colonies. Murray concluded: "Now have geen you a true Description of this York, Luk the 8<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Deuteronomy, and what it saith of the Land there, this is far better."





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Looking back through the history of Scotland you will find that Scots have always been a fighting race but also one that loved religion, science and education. The majority of governors of the first thirteen states in America were Scots but we also played a very prominent role in politics, religion, science, education, agriculture, medicine, banking, retailing and commerce.

Canada has been hugely influenced by Scots, as you will see if you read the big 4-volume book set we put up on *The Scot in North British America*. A Scot was named as the "Father of Australia". Another Scot was named "The Japanese Samurai" and was considered to be the founding father of modern Japan.

Scots fought with Joan of Arc and if it weren't for Scots England would have defeated France. It was the Scots who gave the first check to the hitherto all-conquering English when they defeated them at Beauge in 1421. Soon after this the Scots Bodyguard of the French king was formed and then Les Gendarmes Ecosaise

a regiment of mounted knights. It was at this time that the French coined a proverb: 'fier comme un Ecosais' - 'proud as a Scotsman'.

Scots have made their homes throughout the world and have done great service to their adopted countries and to illustrate this let us explore how just one Scot, a signatory to the American Declaration of Independence, made an important contribution to his adopted country.

Dr. Witherspoon arrived in America in August 1768, and in the same month was inaugurated president of the college (Princeton). The fame of his literary character caused an immediate accession to the number of students, and an increase of the funds of the college. At that time it had not been patronized by the state. It had been founded and supported by private liberality. At the period of Dr. Witherspoon's arrival, the finances of the college were in a low and declining condition. His reputation, however, in connection with his personal exertions, excited the generosity of all parts of the country, from Massachusetts to Virginia; in consequence of which, the finances of the institution were soon raised to a flourishing state. During the war of the revolution, the college was broken up, and its resources nearly annihilated. Yet it can scarcely be estimated how much the institution owed, at that time, to the enterprise and talents of Dr. Witherspoon.

"But the principal advantages it derived," says Dr. Rogers, in a discourse occasioned by his death, "were from his literature, his superintendency, his example as a happy model of good writing, and from the tone and taste which he gave to the literary pursuits of the college."

He made great alterations in

every department of instruction. "He endeavoured," says the same writer, "to establish the system of education in this institution, upon the most extensive and respectable basis, that its situation and its finances would admit. Formerly, the course of instruction had been too superficial: and its metaphysics and philosophy were too much tinctured with the dry and uninteresting forms of the schools. This, however, was by no means to be imputed as a defect to those great and excellent men who had presided over the institution before him,

mirable faculty for governing, and was very successful in exciting a good degree of emulation among the pupils committed to his care. Under his auspices, many were graduated, who became distinguished for their learning, and for the eminent services, which they rendered their countrymen as divines, as legislators, and patriots.

On the occurrence of the American war, the college was broken up, as has already been noticed, and the officers and students were dispersed. Dr.

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but rather to the recent origin of the country, the imperfection of its state of society, and to the state of literature in it. Since his presidency, mathematical science has received an extension that was not known before in the American seminaries. He introduced into philosophy all the most liberal and modern improvements of Europe. He extended the philosophical course to embrace the general principles of policy and public law; he incorporated with it sound and rational metaphysics, equally remote from the doctrines of fatality and contingency, from the barrenness and dogmatism of the schools, and from the excessive refinements of those contradictory, but equally impious sects of scepticism, who wholly deny the existence of matter, or maintain that nothing but matter exists in the universe.

"He laid the foundation of a course of history in the college, and the principles of taste, and the rules of good writing, were both happily explained by him, and exemplified in his manner." He possessed an ad-

Witherspoon now appeared in a new attitude before the American public. Although a foreigner, he had laid aside his prejudices on becoming a citizen of the country, and now warmly espoused the cause of the Americans against the English ministry. His distinguished abilities pointed him out to the citizens of New Jersey, as one of the most proper delegates to that convention which formed their republican constitution. In this respectable

assembly he appeared, to the astonishment of all the professors of the law, as profound a civilian as he had before been known to be a philosopher and divine.

Early in the year 1776, he was elected a representative to the general congress, by the people of New Jersey. He took his seat a few days previously to the fourth of July, and assisted in the deliberations on the momentous question of a declaration of independence. Of this measure he was an advocate. It was a happy reply which he made to a gentleman who, in opposing the measure, declared that the country was not yet ripe for a declaration of independence. "Sir," said he, "in my judgement the country is not only ripe, but rotting."

For the space of seven years, Dr. Witherspoon continued to represent the people of New Jersey in the general congress. He was seldom absent from his seat, and never allowed personal considerations to prevent his attention to official duties. Few men acted with more energy and promptitude; few appeared to be enriched with greater political wisdom; few enjoyed a greater share of public confidence;

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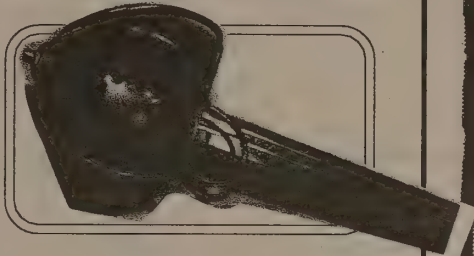
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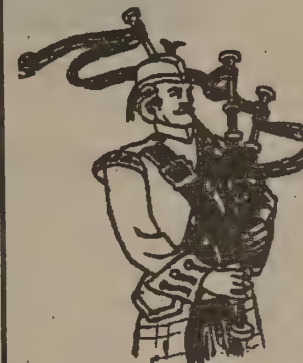
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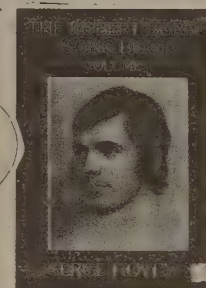


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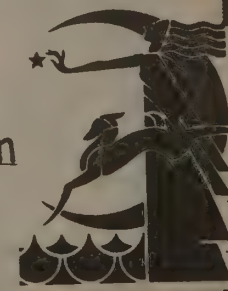
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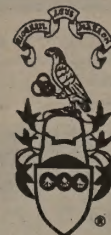


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The Plan was announced months ago, but now it's official: GENTECH is part of the National Genealogical Society (NGS).

Although the new division plans to continue GENTECH's traditional activities, one major GENTECH program won't happen next year: its annual genealogy-technology conference. The division also announced yesterday that GENTECH 2003, slated for January 16-18, has been cancelled due to budgetary and scheduling problems.

Conference organizers will turn their attention to GENTECH 2004, which will be held in St. Louis, Missouri. See the GENTECH and NGS Web sites for more on the merger and the conference. <<http://www.gentech.org/>> and <<http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/>>.



# Tartan Color Myths

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In the last issue of *The Family Tree* was an article which truly shows that myths, once in print, have "a life of their own." The article, clipped from another paper, repeated the myth that the number of colors in a tartan denoted the rank of the wearer. Nothing could be farther from the truth.

There are no references to tartan in Scotland before the 1500s. The first that specifies colors is the feu duty (rent) imposed by the king on a MacLean in 1587 which details only three colors - black, green and white. Early literature describes the "wild Scots" in long shirts in a brownish yellow color now known as "saffron" but certainly not dyed from that flower. Check your spice rack in the grocery store for the current price!

Tartan began to appear in the 1500s, perhaps since the introduction of sheep from which it was easier to harvest wool than to produce linen. Wool is easier to spin and weave than flax which requires hard beating and continual soaking. Wool also takes dye better than flax as well as having the advantage of being water resistant. However, there are draw backs to weaving with hand spun wool. Hand dyed wool varies in color from strand to strand. The weaving of a large piece in a single color with hand dyed thread can look blotchy when finished. This may be why the Scots hand weavers took to making tartan. In any case, the myth that the number of colors denoted the rank of the wearer simply will not hold up.

The earliest portrait that we know of that shows tartan is of the Countess of Lennox, daughter of the Earl of Angus, and mother-in-law to Mary, Queen of Scots. Her tartan has four colors, two of which are shades of red. By the mythical scale she should have a tartan of at least five colors. Portraits exist of at least three dukes, slightly above the rank of earl and now reserved for men who marry into the royal

family. Each wears tartan in just two or three colors. In the early 1700s numerous clan chiefs sat for portraits dressed in tartan, most of which are two colors, red and black. Flora MacDonald, a commoner, was painted wearing five colors - but that was "late in the Game", post 1746.

It may be that the color red carried with it some indication of rank or wealth. Red thread was hard to come by - as was yellow - and used sparingly except for tartans of men of stature. In any case, the number of colors certainly did not indicate rank.

Another myth related to color is the use of a secret code known as "Color Ogham" woven into the sett telling what clan the tartan belonged to. The proponent of this theory has used post-1745 - actually post 1845 - to advance his theory. This idea has been discredited with the proponent publicly challenged to use his knowledge to read a dozen tartans, six from pre-1745 and six from post 1746. The challenge has

never been accepted. There is simply not a "Color Ogham" system - nor is there truth to the myth that the number of

colors indicated the rank of the individual.

In 1592 Angus Macintosh was killed whilst leading a raid on Ruthven Castle in Badenoch. His assailant crept out under the shelter of ruins and "... levels his piece at one of the Clan Chattan clothed in a yellow warr coat (which amongst them is the badge of Chieftaines or heads of Clans)..." and fired. This is a clear reference to the saffron shirt - of only one color - which identified his rank (*History of the Gordons*, MS in the National Library of Scotland cited in J. T. Dunbar, *The History of Highland Dress*, Edinburgh: Oliver and Boyd, 1962).



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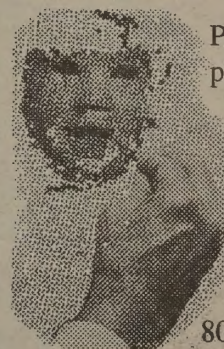


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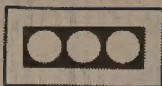
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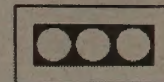
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